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# TOWN OFFICERS.

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## SELECTMEN.

JOHN E. ROWELL.

EDWARD B. HASKEILL.

JOSIAH WRIGHT.

## TOWN CLERK.

HERBERT A. KING.

## TOWN TREASURER.

JOHN A. RICHARDSON.

## ASSESSORS.

JOHN E. ROWELL.

GEORGE E. SIMONDS.

JOSIAH WRIGHT.

## OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

JOHN E. ROWELL.

SEARS J. COOK.

MOSES P. GREENWOOD.

## BOARD OF REGISTRARS.

H. A. KING (ex-officio).

ARTHUR W. HOLDEN.

JOHN HARRINGTON.

EDWARD L. McMAHON.

## BOARD OF HEALTH.

DR. J. B. TYLER.

JOHN E. ROWELL.

COBURN S. SMITH.

## ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

E. W. LIVINGSTON.

E. B. HASKELL.

LAWRENCE W. BUCKLEY.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

JOHN E. BULL.

ALLAN BOTTOMLEY.

D. MOYER STALEY.

## COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

ALBERT H. JONES.



## SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

GEORGE C. CROSBY.

## SUPERINTENDENT OF ALMSHOUSE.

JAMES C. PARKER.

## FENCE VIEWERS.

J. E. ROWELL.

E. B. HASKELL.

JOSIAH WRIGHT.

## CATTLE INSPECTOR.

WILLIAM H. HUTCHINS.

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

SIDNEY A. BULL.

## CONSTABLES.

MARTIN CONWAY, JR.

E. W. LIVINGSTON.

## PUBLIC WEIGHERS.

J. E. BLODGETT.

E. E. COLE.

LEWIS HOLDEN.

## SURVEYORS OF WOOD.

J. E. ROWELL.

E. W. LIVINGSTON.

G. E. SIMONDS.

W. F. SYMMES.

M. C. MURPHY.

C. A. FOSTER.

VOLUNTINE ROLLINS.

EDWARD HARRINGTON.

## SEXTON.

ALBERT STEARNS.

## AUDITORS.

ERASTUS B. COLBY.

GEORGE P. GREENWOOD.

RICHARD T. PERRY.

## KEEPERS OF THE LOCKUP.

MARTIN CONWAY, JR.

E. W. LIVINGSTON.

## FIELD DRIVERS.

MARTIN CONWAY, JR.

ISAAC HOPKINSON.

## HIGHWAYS.

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BILLERICA, Feb. 28, 1899.

*To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :*

I hereby submit the following report of work done on the highways the past year :

Removed bank at Ham's corner, No. Billerica.

Filled in near Winning Pond.

Dug up trees in Centre.

Gravelled near the pit at C. S. Smith's.

Gravelled main road near G. C. Crosby's.

Gravelled William Crosby hill.

Gravelled main road between William Crosby's and Haskell's.

Gravelled near White's brook.

Gravelled near the old Marshall place.

Gravelled near Shores, W. Billerica.

Gravelled near Chelmsford line.

Gravelled west end of Salem road.

Scraping roads, 10 days.

Laid over culvert at So. Billerica.

Gravelled near So. Billerica.

Gravelled near So. Billerica depot.

Gravelled near J. Stearn's, So. Billerica.

Gravelled foot of hill, Chelmsford road, So. Billerica.

Straightened and gravelled road near B. Jones'.

Put up railing at corner Bridge and in Pattenville.

Raking stone, 4 days.



Gravelled near Faulkner's Mills.  
 Gravelled in front of Odd Fellows Hall.  
 Gravelled in Centre.  
 Laid over culvert at McKee's place.  
 Cut brush.  
 Gravelled part of Rocky hill.  
 Gravelled near F. Mason's.  
 Gravelled near Mrs. Knowles'.  
 Gravelled some on Churnstaff lane.  
 Gravelled hill on main road near Barker's.  
 Laid over culvert near the old Gleason place.  
 Gravelled some on Depot road.  
 Gravelled Hayes' hill, W. Billerica.  
 Gravelled near Wood's place, W. Billerica.  
 Gravelled between Newhall place and Bailey's.  
 Gravelled between Wood's place and Maybury's.  
 Fixed gutters on Howe School hill.  
 Raking stones, 3 days.  
 Gravelled in front of grain mill.  
 Gravelled main road at Downey's corner.  
 Cleaning out under bridge at No. Billerica.  
 Cleaned gutters on Wilson street.  
 Gravelled near Railroad Bridge at No. Billerica.  
 Gravelled near Bottomley's, No. Billerica.  
 Gravelled main road, near Cowley's place.  
 Gravelled Andover street, near Searles place.  
 Gravelled River hill.  
 Gravelled between Dr. Noyes' place and the pond.

G. C. CROSBY, *Superintendent.*

## HIGHWAY EXPENSES.

MARCH, 1898.

Paid John Stahle, labor.....	\$ 28 44
John Newell, labor.....	28 44
M. McElligott, labor.....	28 44
Geo. Cox, labor.....	1 75
W. Essex, labor.....	20 00
Edwin Manning, hay.....	17 36
Oscar Fellows, snow.....	70
W. Hopkinson, snow.....	3 70
Orrin Mayberry, snow.....	1 60
John Farmer, snow.....	2 50
C. C. Johnson, repairs.....	3 60
E. F. Dickman, straw.....	2 48
J. Wozencroft, repairs.....	4 00
C. A. Bowman, snow.....	2 50
Mrs. Jane Knowles, snow.....	2 40
E. E. Cole, grain.....	22 60
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	\$ 170 51

APRIL, 1898.

Paid G. C. Crosby, superintendent.....	\$ 50 00
W. M. Batchelder, teamster.....	40 00
John Coughlin, teamster.....	27 72
John Stahle, labor.....	32 82
John Newell, labor.....	25 82
M. McElligott, labor.....	32 82
George Cox, labor.....	21 32
G. W. Tibbetts, road scraper.....	139 60
Boston & Maine, freight.....	10 40
C. L. Burton, sundries.....	6 00
Edwin Manning, hay.....	16 80
E. E. Cole, grain.....	23 55
C. C. Johnson, supplies.....	3 55



Paid W. Alexander and others, snow .....	\$32 00
A. P. Nickles, gravel .....	16 65
Holden & Co., supplies .....	1 47
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	\$ 480 52

## MAY, 1898.

Paid Geo. C. Crosby, superintendent .....	\$ 48 08
W. M. Batchelder, teamster .....	40 00
John Coughlin, teamster .....	40 00
John Stahle, labor .....	35 00
John Newell, labor .....	35 00
M. McElligott, labor .....	35 00
George Cox, labor .....	12 00
Edwin Manning, hay .....	35 84
Chas. S. Hill, blacksmith .....	27 64
C. P. Hurd, gravel .....	30 00
F. A. Morey, grain, &c .....	27 75
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	\$ 366 31

## JUNE, 1898.

Paid G. C. Crosby, superintendent .....	\$ 50 00
W. M. Batchelder, teamster .....	40 00
John Coughlin, teamster .....	21 56
John Stahle, labor .....	41 12
John Newell, labor .....	42 00
M. McElligott, labor .....	40 25
Charles Morris, teamster .....	15 40
E. B. Haskell, hay .....	9 68
E. E. Cole, grain .....	20 17
F. A. Morey, grain .....	15 42
John E. Rowell, snow .....	3 20
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	\$ 298 80

## JULY, 1898.

Paid G. C. Crosby, superintendent .....	\$ 10 16
W. M. Batchelder, teamster .....	8 05
Charles Morris, teamster .....	8 05

Paid John Stahle, labor.....	\$3 50
John Newell, labor.....	3 50
M. McElligott, labor.....	3 50
J. Wozencroft, repairs.....	1 50
Charles S. Hill, blacksmith.....	22 96
Charles L. Burton, blacksmith.....	10 00
C. C. Johnson, repairs.....	3 90
E. E. Cole, hay and grain.....	33 53
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	\$ 108 65

## AUGUST, 1898.

Paid G. C. Crosby, superintendent.....	\$ 33 02
W. M. Batchelder, teamster.....	26 14
Charles Morris, teamster.....	26 14
John Stahle, labor.....	26 25
M. McElligott, labor.....	17 50
W. Monahan, labor.....	26 25
Josiah Wright, labor.....	36 00
E. A. Barker, painting.....	2 00
E. E. Cole, hay and grain.....	28 65
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	\$ 221 95

## SEPTEMBER, 1898.

Paid G. C. Crosby, superintendent.....	\$ 50 00
W. M. Batchelder, teamster.....	40 00
Charles Morris, teamster.....	40 00
John Stahle, labor.....	40 25
John Newell, labor.....	33 25
M. McElligott, labor.....	38 50
W. Monahan, labor.....	14 00
Jackson Wright, repairs.....	1 35
E. E. Cole, grain.....	46 48
C. C. Johnson, repairs.....	2 55
F. A. Morey, supplies.....	15 43
Charles L. Burton, blacksmith.....	3 41
H. D. Livingston, hay.....	3 25
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	\$ 328 47



## OCTOBER, 1898.

Paid G. C. Crosby, superintendent.....	\$ 50 00
W. M. Batchelder, teamster.....	40 00
Charles Morris, teamster.....	40 00
John Stahle, labor.....	36 75
John Newell, labor.....	34 13
M. McElligott, labor.....	35 38
Town of Wilmington, repairing bridge.....	10 00
F. A. Morey, supplies.....	14 10
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	\$ 260 36

## NOVEMBER, 1898.

Paid G. C. Crosby, superintendent.....	\$ 50 00
W. M. Batchelder, teamster.....	26 91
Charles Morris, teamster.....	25 37
John Stahle, labor.....	19 69
John Newell, labor.....	23 19
M. McElligott, labor.....	21 44
F. Moore, labor.....	5 15
Charles Miller, labor.....	3 50
Town teams.....	7 00
W. Sprowl, labor.....	3 60
W. Ballington, labor.....	3 60
Charles L. Burton, shoeing.....	2 90
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	\$ 192 35

## DECEMBER, 1898.

Paid G. C. Crosby, superintendent.....	\$ 50 00
W. M. Batchelder, teamster.....	40 00
Charles Morris, teamster.....	40 00
John Stahle, labor.....	27 13
John Newell, labor.....	25 38
M. McElligott, labor.....	28 00
W. Sprowl, labor.....	2 35
F. Moore, labor.....	60
W. Ballington, labor.....	60
F. C. Bemis, gravel.....	35 00

Paid Holden & Co., supplies.....	\$7 87
Coburn S. Smith, hay.....	48 93
F. A. Morey, supplies.....	10 25
C. S. Johnson, supplies.....	1 80
E. E. Cole, hay and grain.....	51 02
Charles S. Hill, blacksmith.....	34 24
John E. Rowell, snow.....	23 30
B. W. Kearney, snow....	34 40
Charles L. Burton, repairs.....	4 77
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	\$ 465 64

## JANUARY, 1899.

Paid G. C. Crosby, Superintendent.....	\$ 50 00
W. M. Batchelder, teamster.....	40 00
Charles Morris, teamster.....	40 00
John Stahle, labor.....	38 07
John Newell, labor.....	38 07
M. McElligott, labor.....	38 00
Geo. E. Simonds and others, snow.....	76 50
Henry O'Brien, labor.....	2 20
Josiah Wright, snow.....	28 80
Harry W. Essex, snow.....	17 00
W. H. Sexton, posts.....	1 60
Charles L. Burton, blacksmith.....	6 93
John E. Farmer, snow.....	3 00
E. E. Cole, grain.....	12 20
Geo. P. Greenwood, snow.....	20 40
Geo. P. Greenwood, gravel.....	16 30
W. Alexander, snow.....	14 20
G. C. Crosby, medicine for horse.....	70
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	\$444 91

## FEBRUARY, 1899.

Paid G. C. Crosby, Superintendent.....	\$ 50 00
W. M. Batchelder, teamster.....	40 00
Charles Morris, teamster.....	40 00
John Stahle, labor.....	38 07



Paid John Newell, labor .....	\$38 07
M. McElligott, labor... ..	38 94
Josiah Wright, poles .....	2 40
Rebecca Campbell, gravel .....	25 00
Edwin Manning, snow .....	35 40
F. H. Parker, shovels .....	1 95
George E. Simonds and others, snow .....	82 90
H. Willard, snow .....	1 60
P. Hopkinson, snow .....	3 80
S. D. Poland, snow .....	3 60
J. Hopkinson, snow .....	7 20
Joseph Potts, snow .....	17 60
Town farm, snow .....	6 90
F. A. Morey, supplies .....	75
Geo. E. Simonds, snow .....	3 60
Josiah Wright, snow .....	36 92
Merriam & Moore, snow .....	4 20
C. S. Hill & Co., blacksmith .....	11 43
W. E. Morris, snow .....	11 90
F. J. Dolan, snow .....	2 00
J. Wait, snow .....	11 00
W. J. Lyons, snow .....	4 40
H. W. Essex, snow .....	36 30
B. W. Kearny, labor .....	\$ 99 19
Holden & Co., supplies .....	98
C. C. Johnson, supplies .....	45
Geo. C. Crosby, superintendent .....	50 00
W. M. Batchelder, teamster .....	40 00
Charles Morris, teamster .....	40 00
John Stahle, labor .....	5 25
John Newell, labor .....	12 69
M. McElligott, labor .....	12 69
W. Stackpole, labor .....	2 50
H. Coulter, labor .....	5 10
W. Ballington, labor .....	5 90
P. O'Neill, labor .....	4 80
M. McAlman, labor .....	4 70
H. Somers, labor .....	90
C. Chultz, labor .....	90
P. Messer, labor .....	11 30

Paid Geo. P. Greenwood, labor.....	\$17 60
John B. Stearns, snow.....	5 60
W. Marston, snow.....	2 45
Floyd Pardee, snow.....	2 00
D. W. Fitch, labor.....	1 00
B. C. Pasho, snow.....	10 80
A. H. Jones, hay.....	25 90
B. W. Kearny, snow.....	59 80
Coburn S. Smith, snow.....	13 00
Fort Hill cemetery, stone bounds.....	19 20
E. E. Cole, grain.....	31 81
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	\$ 1,042 44



## Billerica Sinking Fund Commissioners' Report.

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The amount of the sinking fund to date with accumulated interest is \$3,475.34 and is on deposit with the following Savings Banks in the City of Lowell: The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank, City Institution for Savings, the Traders National Bank, the Lowell Institution for Savings. At the annual meeting of the board it was voted that the next payment of \$800.00 from the town be deposited with the Wamesit Savings Bank.

FRANKLIN JAQUITH,  
FREDERIC A. MOREY,  
JOSEPH F. TALBOT,

*Sinking Fund Commissioners.*

Billerica, Mass., March 1, 1899,

# CLERK'S REPORT

*Of Warrants and Doings of Town Meetings for the Year 1898-'99.*

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## WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

HELD MONDAY, MARCH TWENTY-EIGHTH.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, }  
MIDDLESEX, SS. }

To Everett W. Livingston, Constable of the Town of Billerica.

You are hereby authorized and required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Billerica qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on Monday, March 28, at 9.00 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following articles :

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To determine the number of selectmen, assessors, overseers of the poor, auditors, constables, collector of taxes.

ART. 3. The polls will be open in accordance with the by-laws of the town, for the election of the following town officers, on one ballot for one year: Town clerk, town treasurer, selectmen, assessors, overseers of the poor, collector of taxes, one or more constables, one member of the board of health for three years; one member of the school committee for three years; one member of the sinking fund commissioners for three years.

ART. 4. To see if the town will choose highway surveyors, and all other necessary town officers.

ART. 5. To choose a member of the Bowers' fund committee, for a term of five years.

ART. 6. To see if the town will accept the revision of the jury box made by the selectmen, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 7. To see what method the town will adopt for the collection of taxes for the ensuing year.

ART. 8. To hear and act upon the report of the selectmen and all other town officers and committees heretofore appointed.

ART. 9. To vote on the following question, viz: Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town of Billerica? Yes, or No.

ART. 10. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to defray the town expenses for the ensuing year, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 11. To see if the town will appropriate twenty-six hundred dollars for the purpose of grading, gravelling, and draining Talbot avenue, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 12. To see if the town will vote to borrow twenty-six hundred dollars, payable in four equal installments, and give town notes therefor on one, three, four and five years, respectively, the proceeds to be devoted to building and draining Talbot avenue, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 13. To see if the town will raise and appropriate one hundred dollars for the furnishing of school libraries, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 14. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed five hundred dollars to be used by the police department under the direction of the selectmen, for the purpose of employing a night watchman to patrol the streets of Billerica Centre for the ensuing year, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars for the purpose of con-



veying the school children from the Shawsheen district to the Crosby school, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars for the purpose of conveying the school children from the South Lowell district to the North Billerica schools, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 17. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars toward the purchase of a piano for the town hall, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 18. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the use of the veterans on Memorial Day.

ART. 19. To see what method the town will adopt for the repair of the roads and bridges the ensuing year.

ART. 20. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred dollars to be divided between the V. I. A. of North Billerica and Billerica Centre to be expended by them for street lighting, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 21. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to sell and convey land on Billerica avenue or any other land belonging to the town farm, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 22. To see if the town will authorize and direct the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow temporarily, in anticipation of taxes of the present municipal year, and give the negotiable note or notes of the town, for money so borrowed, and that all such temporary loans shall be paid from the said taxes.

And you are to serve this warrant, by posting attested copies thereof, one copy at the town hall, one copy in each of the post offices of the town and one copy in each of the porches or vestibules of the several churches in town, at least eight days before said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant to the Town

Clerk, with your doings thereon, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands, this Eighteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.

JOHN E. ROWELL,  
EDWARD B. HASKELL,  
JOSIAH WRIGHT,

*Selectmen of Billerica.*

A true copy. Attest:

EVERETT W. LIVINGSTON,

*Constable.*

At a legal town meeting held under the foregoing warrant the following action was taken:

ARTICLE 1. Thomas Talbot was unanimously chosen moderator, by use of ballot and check list, and sworn by the clerk.

The moderator appointed as tellers, F. H. Parker, L. W. Buckley, D. Moyer Staley, and A. W. Holden, who were sworn by the clerk.

ART. 2. On motion of F. Jaquith, it was voted that there be chosen 1 clerk, 1 treasurer, 3 selectmen, 3 assessors, 3 overseers, 2 constables. 1 school committee for three years, 1 member of the board of health for three years, 3 auditors.

ART. 3. Moved by H. A. King, that the polls be opened for town officers, and it was so voted at 9 15 A. M. Moved by D. Moyer Staley, that the polls for town officers be closed, with the exception of highway surveyor. It was so voted and the polls declared closed at 3 o'clock P. M.

The following votes were cast:

*Clerk*—Herbert A. King, 346 votes, sworn by moderator; John A. Richardson, 1 vote.

*Treasurer*—John A. Richardson, 348 votes, sworn by clerk.

*Selectmen*—John E. Rowell, 314 votes; Edward B. Haskell, 234 votes; Josiah Wright, 334 votes, sworn by the moderator; Sidney A. Bull, 114 votes; Franklin Jaquith, 3 votes; George E. Simonds, 2 votes; Coburn S. Smith, 5 votes.

*Assessors*—John E. Rowell, 228 votes; Josiah Wright, 342 votes; George E. Simonds, 272 votes, sworn by the clerk; E. B. Haskell, 72 votes; Sears J. Cook, 1 vote; S. A. Bull, 1 vote; Coburn S. Smith, 107 votes.

*Overseers of Poor*—John E. Rowell, 234 votes; Sears J. Cook, 340 votes; Moses P. Greenwood, 161 votes, sworn by clerk; Edward Spaulding, 108 votes; Chas. R. Wild, 104 votes; Coburn S. Smith, 79 votes; George P. Greenwood, 1 vote; E. B. Haskell, 1 vote.

*School Committee, for three years*—D. Moyer Staley, 219 votes, sworn by clerk; Fred A. Casey, 129 votes; Martha A. Dodge, 1 vote.

*Tax Collector*—Albert H. Jones, 240 votes; Albert Barrington, 105 votes.

*Sinking Fund Commissioner, for three years*—Franklin Jaquith, 339 votes; George E. Simonds, 1 vote; Thomas Talbot, 1 vote.

*Board of Health, for three years*—F. G. Manson, 236 votes, sworn by clerk; J. B. Tyler, 110 votes.

*Auditors*—Erastus B. Colby, 345 votes; Richard T. Perry, 346 votes; George P. Greenwood, 174 votes; Sidney A. Bull, 170 votes; Albert Barrington, 1 vote; F. A. Casey, 1 vote.

*Constables*—Martin Conway, Jr., 343 votes; Everett W. Livingston, 344 votes, sworn by clerk.

ART. 4. Moved by Walter Hutchins, that a surveyor of highways be chosen, and it was so voted. Moved by F. Jaquith, that the polls for surveyor be opened, which was voted and the polls opened at 10.30 A. M. On motion of F. Jaquith, it was voted that the Selectmen be fence viewers. On motion of Walter Hutchins, it was voted that the same field drivers serve as last year, viz.:



Isaac Hopkinson and Martin Conway, Jr., sworn by clerk. On motion of Walter Hutchins it was voted that the same surveyors of wood and lumber as last year serve the ensuing year, viz.: John E. Rowell, George E. Simonds, sworn by clerk; M. E. Murphy, Voluntine Rollins, Everett W. Livingston, Wm. F. Symmes, sworn by clerk; Chas. A. Foster, Edward Harrington. On motion of Roger Barrington, the polls for highway surveyor were closed at 3.42 P. M. George C. Crosby had 147 votes, Edward Spaulding, 125 votes; George C. Crosby declared elected, and sworn in by clerk.

ART. 5. On motion of L. W. Buckley, Martin Conway, Jr., was chosen a member of the Bowers' Fund committee for a term of five years.

ART. 6. On motion of M. Coughlin the revision of the jury list, as amended by the meeting, was accepted. The list as accepted was as follows:

A. O. Dane, baker.	Henry Desmazes, farmer.
Ebenezer Baker, butcher.	Chas. A. Wright, clerk.
John E. Bull, merchant.	Sears J. Cook, farmer.
Bernard Kearney, farmer.	Geo. F. Colson, farmer.
Dennis Dewire, coal dealer.	Thomas Spaulding, wood dealer.
C. W. Flanders, optician.	Sidney A. Bull, merchant.
Henry Sherman, farmer.	Samuel H. King, farmer.
Daniel Callahan, Jr., farmer.	E. B. Haskell, farmer.
Edwin Manning, farmer.	W. W. Nason, clergyman.
W. H. Simonds, farmer.	George P. Greenwood, farmer.
George R. Herrick, farmer.	Dennis O'Keefe, farmer.
Clarence Bowman, farmer.	Fred H. Parker, merchant.
Albert Barrington, spinner.	H. D. Livingston, clerk.
Henry Duren, farmer.	Alfred Brown, farmer.
Franklin Jaquith, manufacturer.	Joseph H. Call, farmer.
Martin Conway, farmer.	H. A. King, clerk.
J. E. Rowell, farmer.	John H. Foster, insurance agent.
Curtis G. Hazen, farmer.	Frank S. Bartlett, janitor.

Dick Folsom, farmer.

Albert H. Jones, collector.

Oscar Smith, merchant.

L. B. Gannon, real estate broker

ART. 7. Moved by F. Jaquith and so voted that the method of collecting taxes be the same as last year with the addition that the collector furnish each taxpayer with an itemized bill.

ART. 8. The report of the committee on watering streets, which was laid on the table for one year at the last annual meeting, was taken up and the following was submitted. At a meeting of citizens on March 23, at the room of the Historical Society for the purpose of advising some changes in the report of the committee chosen by the town to name the streets of Billerica, Mr. Coburn Smith, of the committee being present, Mr. F. A. Morey was chosen chairman and C. E. Hosmer, secretary. The following changes were agreed upon and submitted to the town :

- No. 1. Main street to be changed to Boston Road.
3. Ham street to be changed to Sprague street.
4. Changed to part of Triple Cove Road.
5. The words "Corliss street" to be changed to Triple Cove Road.
9. The words Main street changed to Boston Road.
20. The word *Street* after Salem changed to *Road*.
23. Changed to Andover Road.
25. Changed to Canal Street.
27. Changed to Rangeway Road to Carlisle.
28. Changed to Danforth Street.
29. Strike out.
33. Change to Churnstaff Lane.
34. Change to Tufts Lane.
35. Change to Lexington Road.
37. Change to Wyman Road.
39. Change to Chelmsford Road.
41. Change to Winning Street.
43. Change to Brown Street.

- 45. Change to Dudley Street.
- 46. Strike out the word "street."
- 48. Change to French Street.
- 49. Change Street to Road.
- 53. Change to Wilmington Road.

C. E. HOSMER, *Secretary.*

Moved by C. H. Kohlrausch and so voted, that the report of the "Street Naming Committee" be referred to the Billerica Historical Society to be reported upon at the next annual town meeting.

#### BOWERS' FUND AND HOWE SCHOOL NOTES.

The Committee appointed to investigate Bowers' fund and Howe school notes, by whom given and by whom held, and make recommendations in relation to the same report as follows :

These notes are listed on page 71 of the town report for this year past showing the financial condition of the town.

Total amount of notes to Howe school, \$8,900. Of these three have not reached maturity but will do so during the coming three years, leaving six amounting to \$6,400, past due and on demand. These notes are given to the trustees of the Howe school from the town and signed by the treasurer and by one or more of the selectmen and are in the keeping of the treasurer of the Howe school trustees. There are four of the Bowers' fund notes amounting to \$9,160, all on demand. These are given by the town signed by the treasurer and one or more of the selectmen in favor of the Bowers' fund committee and held by the town treasurer as custodian. In the course of its inquiry about town obligations some questions have arisen requiring more time before the committee can report any recommendations regarding them, they therefore suggest that the matter be recommitted to be reported upon in full at the next ensuing town meeting.

JOHN A. RICHARDSON,  
E. F. DICKINSON,  
FRANKLIN JAQUITH,

*Committee.*



Moved by J. N. Parker that this report be accepted and adopted and it was so voted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TOWN RECORDS.

Your committee appointed to prepare records for printing respectfully submit the following report: Recognizing from the outset that you had intrusted to us a work which when done would be done for generations we deemed it wise to proceed with care and have taken time to make inquiries from many sources.

We are pleased to say that our copyist has shown herself well adapted to the work as what is done has been commended by Mr. Hazen and other eminent authority. We have now the first volume nearly ready for the printer and have expended from the appropriation \$97.63. Which sums were paid as follows:

To Miss Stanton for copying.....	\$85 63
To Miss Dodge, comparing copy.....	6 00
To H. A. King, comparing copy.....	6 00
Leaving a balance of.....	\$102 37

Our search for information among towns that have done similar work has impressed upon us the value of having this work done and already considerable inquiry has reached us as to when these printed records may be purchased. Although the work has made constant calls upon the time of the committee the service has been cheerfully given in the hope that the town would continue the work and be ready to join with our Asa Pollard society when their fund shall enable them to take up the publication of the fourth volume of our town records covering the time of the revolution. We therefore think it for your interest that two hundred dollars be appropriated to be used the coming year and most earnestly recommend it.

FRANKLIN JAQUITH,

MARTHA A. DODGE,

HERBERT A. KING,

*Committee.*

D. Moyer Staley moved that two hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for the use of the record committee, and it was so voted.

On motion of D. Moyer Staley the record committee was authorized to open a list for subscribers for the forthcoming first volume of the Town Records and that said committee may use the proceeds from such sale in supplementing the appropriation for that end by and with the authority of the selectmen.

Also that an edition of five hundred copies may be issued providing that in so doing the committee shall not involve or commit the town beyond the \$200 appropriated.

Mr. Jaquith stated that he could not give the time necessary to the work and tendered his resignation as a member of the committee which was accepted by the town. E. L. McMahan moved that it be left to the committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Jaquith, and it was so voted.

Mr. Jaquith moved that the selectmen's report be referred back to them to report at 1 o'clock and it was so voted.

The report coming up at one o'clock, Mr. Jacquith moved that their report be not accepted. This motion did not prevail.

ART. 9. The vote upon the license question was as follows: Yes, 25; No, 122. The polls were opened at 11.05 and closed at 12 m. R. Barrington moved that the meeting adjourn until one o'clock and it was so voted.

ART. 10. Under this article the following appropriations were made:

Schools.....	\$8,500 00
Highways and Macadamized Road.....	3,700 00
Bridges.....	290 00
Fire Department.....	1,000 00
Town Farm.....	1,000 00
Incidentals.....	1,200 00
Constables, Janitors and Police.....	1,500 00
Outside Relief.....	1,000 00

Debt Appropriation .....	\$3,500 00
Interest .....	1,700 00
Insurance .....	250 00
Sinking Fund and Bond Interest .....	2,000 00
State and County Tax .....	3,500 00
Water Supply .....	2,000 00
Soldiers' Relief .....	100 00
Registrars of voters .....	100 00
Street Lighting .....	700 00
Selectmen .....	375 00
Assessors .....	250 00
Overseers of Poor .....	200 00
School Committee .....	180 00
Town Clerk .....	150 00
Town Treasurer .....	250 00
Tax Collector .....	350 00
Election Officers .....	100 00
Cattle Inspector .....	200 00
Fish Warden .....	100 00
Cemeteries .....	250 00
Sidewalks .....	200 00
Common .....	75 00
Board of Health .....	50 00
Cover over bulkhead and other repairs Town Hall .....	100 00

F. S. Clark moved that \$28.000 be raised under this article, and it was so voted.

ART. 12. On motion of F. S. Clark, voted that the Town Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to borrow, in the name of the town, twenty-six hundred dollars, and issue for the same four town notes of six hundred fifty dollars each, paying in three, four, five and six years respectively, from the date of issue, and that the proceeds of said notes be applied to the building and draining of Talbot Avenue.

ART. 11. On motion of F. S. Clark, voted to appropriate twenty-six hundred dollars for grading, graveling and draining Talbot Avenue, the same to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.



The vote as declared by the moderator was, No. 9; Yes, 132.

ART. 13. D. Moyer Staley moved that \$100 be raised and appropriated to furnish school libraries. The motion was not carried.

Mr. Staley then moved a reconsideration of the question which was voted Yes, 79; No, 19.

The original motion was then made and prevailed by a vote of No, 48; Yes, 54.

ART. 14. Moved by E. L. McMahan, that this article be laid on the table indefinitely and it was so voted.

ART. 15. On motion of J. N. Pardee, it was voted that \$120 be raised and appropriated for conveying school children, as asked for by this article.

ART. 16. On motion of J. N. Pardee, it was voted to dismiss this article.

ART. 17. On motion of T. F. Lyons, it was voted to dismiss this article.

ART. 18. Moved by F. S. Clark and unanimously voted, that \$100 be raised and appropriated for the use of the Veterans' on Memorial Day.

ART. 19. Moved by F. Jaquith, that the same method be pursued as last year, and that the superintendent or surveyor be empowered to make all necessary contracts. This motion passed in the affirmative.

ART. 20. On motion of F. S. Clark, this article was dismissed, the sum asked for having been voted under article No. 10.

ART. 21. On motion of J. E. Rowell, it was voted to sell and convey land on Billerica Avenue, or any other land belonging to the town farm.

ART. 22. Moved by F. Jaquith, and unanimously voted, "that the treasurer be and is hereby authorized and directed with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow temporarily in anticipation of the

taxes of the present municipal year the sum of \$22,000, as the same may be from time to time required, and give the negotiable note or notes of the town for money so borrowed, and that all such temporary loans shall be payable from said taxes."

On motion of F. H. Parker, the meeting unanimously voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:      HERBERT A. KING,  
*Town Clerk*

## ANNUAL NOVEMBER MEETING.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. }  
MIDDLESEX, SS. }

To Everett W. Livingston, Constable of the Town of Billerica.

GREETING :

You are hereby authorized and required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Billerica qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet, Precinct one, Town hall, Billerica Centre, 6.30 A. M.; Precinct two, Republican Club building, North Billerica, 9 A. M., Tuesday, Nov. 8, 1898, to bring in your votes on one ballot for the following officers :

Governor; Lieut.-Governor; Secretary; Treasurer; Auditor; Attorney General; Councillor, 6th Middlesex District; Senator, 6th Middlesex District; Two Representatives in General Court, 27th Middlesex District; County Commissioner; Two Special Commissioners; District Attorney; Register of Probate and Insolvency; Sheriff; Representative in Congress, 4th district.

The polls may close at 4 o'clock P. M.

And you are to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one copy at town hall, one copy in each of the postoffices of the town and one copy in each of the porches or vestibules of the several churches in town at least eight days before said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-ninth day of October, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.

JOHN E. ROWELL,  
EDWARD B. HASKELL,  
JOSIAH WRIGHT,

*Selectmen of Billerica.*

A true copy attest :

EVERETT W. LIVINGSTON,  
*Constable.*

BILLERICA, Nov. 8, 1898.

I have served this warrant as within directed,

EVERETT W. LIVINGSTON,  
*Constable.*

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BILLERICA, Nov. 8, 1898.

At a legal town meeting held under the foregoing warrant the following votes were cast as returned by the precinct officers.

PRECINCT ONE—GOVERNOR.

Alexander B. Bruce.....	16 votes
George R. Peare .....	0 "
Samuel B. Shapleigh .....	4 "
Roger Wolcott....	107 "
Blanks.....	4 "



## LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

Michael T. Barry .....	2 votes
W. Murray Crane .....	102 "
John W. Kilbon .....	5 "
Isaac W. Skinner .....	1 "
Edward J. Slattery .....	15 "
Blanks.....	6 "

## SECRETARY.

Henry A. Inman .....	3 votes
Henry Lloyd .....	13 "
William M. Olin .....	108 "
James F. Stevens .....	2 "
Blanks.....	5 "

## TREASURER.

Martha Moore Avery.....	1 votes
Harry J. Jaquith .....	14 "
Edward P. Shaw.....	104 "
Herbert Morley Small.. ..	3 "
Charles W. White .....	1 "
Blanks.....	8 "

## AUDITOR.

John W. Kimball .....	104 votes
John Palmer .....	3 "
Charles F. Parker.....	14 "
Walter E. Sanford .....	3 "
Blanks. ....	7 "

## ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Patrick Kilroy.....	15 votes
Hosea M. Knowlton .....	108 "
Clarence E. Spelman .....	1 "
Blanks.....	7 "

## SENATOR.

Alvan Fisher.....	19 votes
Frank A. Patch.....	105 "
Blanks.....	7 "

## REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.

Butler Ames.....	86 votes
Frank H. Farmer.....	93 "
John J. O'Conner.....	17 "
John T. Sparks.....	17 "
Blanks.....	49 "

## COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

Francis Bigelow.....	93 votes
Blanks.....	38 "

## SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS.

Truman W. Hagar.....	16 votes
David T. Strange.....	97 "
Edward Everett Thompson.....	97 "
George W. Van Horn.....	14 "
Blanks.....	38 "

## DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

Fred N. Wier.....	95 votes
Blanks.....	36 "

## COUNCILLOR.

Marcellus H. Fletcher.....	18 votes
S. Herbert Howe.....	105 "
Blanks.....	8 "

## REGISTER.

Samuel H. Folsom.....	102 votes
Blanks.....	29 "

## SHERIFF.

Henry G. Cushing.....	98 votes
Blanks.....	33 "

## REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS.

I. Porter Morse.....	20 votes
George W. Weymouth.....	97 "
Blanks.....	14 "

## PRECINCT No. 2—FOR GOVERNOR.

Alexander B. Bruce.....	82 votes
George R. Pease.....	7 "
Samuel B. Shapleigh.....	1 "
Roger Wolcott .....	125 "
Blanks.....	13 "

## LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

Michael T. Berry.....	4 votes
W. Murray Crane.....	122 "
John L. Kilbon.....	2 "
Isaac W. Skinner.....	2 "
Edward J. Slattery.....	80 "
Blanks.....	18 "

## SECRETARY.

Charles H. Bradley.....	3 votes
Henry A. Inman.....	3 "
Henry Lloyd.....	73 "
William M. Olin.....	115 "
James F. Stevens.....	5 "
Blanks.....	29 "

## TREASURER.

Martha Moore Avery.....	6 votes
Harry J. Jaquith.....	74 "
Edward P. Shaw.....	117 "
Herbert Morley Small.....	1 "
Charles W. White.....	2 "
Blanks.....	28 "

## AUDITOR.

Charles S. Greeves.....	1 votes
John W. Kimball.....	113 "
John Palmer.....	6 "
Charles F. Parker.....	72 "
Walter E. Sanford.....	3 "
Blanks.....	33 "

## ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Patrick Kilroy.....	81 votes
Hosea M. Knowlton.....	116 "
Clarence E. Spelman.....	6 "
Blanks.....	25 "

## SENATOR.

Alvin Fisher.....	78 votes
Frank A. Patch.....	113 "
Blanks.....	37 "

## REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.

Butler Ames.....	110 votes
Frank H. Farmer.....	92 "
John J. O'Conner.....	78 "
John F. Sparks.....	106 "
Blanks.....	70 "



## COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

Francis Bigelow.....	120 votes
Blanks.....	108 "

## SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS.

Truman W. Hagar.....	66 votes
David T. Strange.....	108 "
Edward Everett Thompson.....	107 "
Geoge W. Van Horn.....	68 "
Joseph Talbot.....	1 "
Blanks.....	106 "

## DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

Fred N. Wier. ....	133 votes
Blanks.....	95 "

## COUNCILLOR.

Marcellus H. Fletcher.....	79 votes
S. Herbert Howe.....	112 "
Blanks.....	37 "

## REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY.

Samuel H. Folsom.....	127 votes
Blanks.....	101 "

## SHERIFF.

Henry G. Cushing.....	134 votes
Blanks.....	94 "

## REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS.

I. Porter Morse.....	84 votes
George W. Weymouth.....	112 "
Blanks.....	46 "

ATTEST:

HERBERT A. KING,

*Town Clerk.*

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

## COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX.

*At the City Hall, in the City of Lowell, 12 o'clock M., November 18, 1898.*

We, the undersigned Clerks of the city and towns included in the 27th Middlesex Representative District, do hereby certify that a meeting of said Clerks was holden for the purpose of determining what person or persons appear to be elected to the office of Representative from said district at the place designated by the County Commissioners at the City Hall, in the city of Lowell, at the time and date above written, and did open, examine and compare the copies of the records of the votes in the several precincts of the city of Lowell and of the several towns within said district for Representative, and they further certify that the following is a complete schedule of all the persons for whom votes for Representative were given in the district, and the number of the votes for each person, as shown by the said copies of record :

Butler Ames, of Lowell .....	1887
Frank H. Farmer, of Tewksbury.....	1753
John J. O'Connor, of Lowell .....	1651
John T. Sparks, of Dracut .....	1757
Blanks.....	930
Whole number of ballots .....	3989

GIRARD P. DADMAN, *City Clerk, Lowell.*

HERBERT A. KING, *Town Clerk, Billerica.*

SAMUEL SEWELL, *Town Clerk, Burlington.*

DANIEL W. ROLLINS, *Town Clerk, Carlisle.*

GAYTON M. HALL, *Town Clerk, Dracut.*

ARTHUR F. UPTON, *Town Clerk, North Reading.*

JOHN H. CHANDLER, *Town Clerk, Tewksbury.*

EDW. M. NICHOLS, *Town Clerk, Wilmington.*

HERBERT A. KING,

*Town Clerk.*

BILLERICA, January, 1899.

In view of the fact that in some instances it has been difficult to obtain the facts required by law in the return of births and deaths, your clerk would respectfully call attention to the following extracts from the Public Statutes:

The provisions of chapter 444 of the Acts of 1897 require that every householder in whose house a death occurs, the oldest person next of kin present at the time of the death of any of his kindred, or the person in charge of an institution in which a death occurs, shall, within five days after the date of such a death, give notice thereof to the board of health or to the clerk of the city or town in which the death occurred. (See section 6.)

The commanding officer of a vessel shall give notice of the death of any person under his charge to the board of health or to the clerk of the city or town within the Commonwealth at which his vessel first arrives after such death. (See section 7.)

Penalty for neglect to comply with the requirements of sections 6 and 7, five dollars. (See section 8.)

A physician who has attended a person during his last illness shall forthwith after the death of said person, upon request, furnish for registration a certificate setting forth the required facts. (See section 10.)

Penalty for refusal or neglect, ten dollars. (See section 11.)

Any person having charge of the funeral rites preliminary to the interment of a human body shall obtain the physician's certificate made in accordance with section 10, and return it, together with the facts required by section 1, to the board of health or to the clerk of the city or town in which the death occurred.

SECTION 3. Physicians and midwives shall on or before the fifth day of each month report to the clerk of each city or town a correct list of all children born therein during the month next preceding, at whose birth they were present, stating the date and place of each birth, the name of the child if it has any, the sex and color of the child, the name, place of birth and residence of the parents, the

maiden name of the mother, and the occupation of the father. If the child is illegitimate the name of the father shall not be stated, unless at the joint request in writing of both father and mother, which request shall be filed with the returns of births. Any physician or midwife neglecting to report such list for ten days after it is due, shall for each offence forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars.

SECTION 6. Parents shall, within forty days after the birth of a child, give notice thereof or cause such notice to be given, to the clerk of the city or town in which such child is born. Every householder shall, within forty days after the date of a birth occurring in his house, give notice thereof, or cause such notice to be given to the clerk of the city or town in which he resides; and he shall also, within five days after the date of a death occurring in his house, give notice thereof, or cause such notice to be given, to the board of health, other than the selectmen, or if there is no such board, to the clerk of such city or town. The oldest person next of kin present at the time of the death of any of his kindred in the city or town in which such death occurs shall, within five days thereafter, give notice thereof or cause such notice to be given, to such board of health, or if there is no such board, to the clerk of such city or town. The keeper, superintendent or person in charge of a workhouse, house of correction, prison, reformatory, reform school, hospital, almshouse or other institution, public or private, receiving inmates from within or without the limits of the city or town in which it is located shall, when a person is received into the institution of which he is the keeper, superintendent or person in charge, obtain a record of all the facts which would be required for record in the event of the death of such person so received, and shall, on or before the fifth day of each month, give notice to the clerk of said city or town of every birth and death happening among the persons under his charge during the month next preceding. The facts required for record by section one of this act, shall so far as known or obtainable, be included in every notice given under this section.

Respectfully, HERBERT A. KING, *Town Clerk.*



## Marriages Recorded in Billerica During the Year 1898.

Date.	Name.	Residence.
Jan. 4.....	Franklin Jaquith.....	Billerica, Mass.
	Susan Hill Proctor.....	Goffstown, N. H.
Jan. 18.....	Edward F. Dickinson.....	Billerica, Mass.
	Edith L. Monroe.....	" "
Feb. 4.....	William J. Day.....	" "
	Gertrude E. Carter.....	Lexington, Mass.
April 13.....	Frank Herbert Felker.....	Tewksbury, Mass.
	Myra Eveline Dewhurst.....	Billerica, Mass.
May 17.....	Charles Leslie Burton.....	" "
	Susan Ella Martin.....	" "
June 8.....	Harry K. King.....	" "
	Mabel B. Mathews.....	Milwaukee, Wis.
June 6.....	Thomas M. Callahan.....	Billerica, Mass.
	Hannah A. Conway.....	" "
June 28.....	Fred Corliss Smith.....	" "
	Mabelle M. Cowdrey.....	" "
Aug. 18.....	Lewis J. Babcock.....	" "
	Cora Edith Downing.....	Keene, N. H.
Aug. 20.....	James Latham.....	Billerica, Mass.
	Mary Ellen Dollan.....	" "
Aug. 29.....	John E. Dewhurst.....	" "
	Nancy Stevenson.....	" "
Sept. 5.....	George Grant Foster.....	Waltham, Mass.
	Mary Ellen Bigelow.....	Billerica, Mass.
Sept. 14.....	Charles Frederic Morey.....	" "
	Bessie Webb Millett.....	Salem, Mass.

Sept. 14.....	William A. Moore.....	Tewksbury, Mass.
	Florence E. Monty.....	Billerica, Mass.
Oct. 11.....	Natt H. Hutchins.....	" "
	Elizabeth H. Batchelder.....	No. Reading, Mass.
Oct. 19.....	William Garner.....	Billerica, Mass.
	Ada Chadwick.....	" "
Nov. 1.....	John A. Desmazes.....	" "
	Sadie Ryder.....	" "
Nov. 16.....	Edward F. Carley.....	" "
	Bertha Elsie Bartlett.....	Lowell, Mass.
Nov 23.....	Bernard W. Kearney. ....	Billerica, Mass.
	Katherine A. Gannon.....	" "
Nov. 24.....	Philip B. Dolan.....	" "
	Ida H. Clark....	Lowell, Mass.
Nov. 30.....	Charles E. Moore.....	Billerica, Mass.
	Estella M. Sargent.....	" "
Dec. 21.....	Charles E. Fairbrother.....	" "
	Ruth Brown. ....	" "

Attest :

HERBERT A. KING,

*Town Clerk.*

## List of Births Registered in Billerica for the Year 1898.

No.	Date.	Name of Child.	Name of Parents.
1. Jan.	2.	Frank Freeman Frost.....	Amos and Edith.
2.	22.	Horace Patterson Manson ...	Frank G. and Mildred.
3.	27.	Frank Moran .....	James and Esther.
4. Feb.	1.	Ethel Dreda Maxwell.....	Wm. F. and Lizzie.
5.	4.	Florence Ryan.....	John and Kate.
6.	5.	George Alexander Ash.....	George and Laura.
7.	6.	Beatrice Fallon .....	Matthew and Minnie.
8. Mar.	2.	Helen Jones .....	Albert H. and Ada F.
9.	3.	Mary Murphy .....	Thomas and Maggie.
10.	14.	Maxwell Burris .....	Clark and Mary.
11.	15.	Eva Alice Bartamy.....	Fred and Maud.
12.	17.	—— Hannon .....	Wm. F. and Sarah.
13.	20.	Edward Richard Porter.....	Richard and Elizabeth.
14.	26.	Raymond Harrison Carter...	Warren and Margaret.
15.	28.	Lewis Clayton McKinney....	Lewis T. and Catherine.
16. Apr.	1.	Madeline Alice Smith.....	Edward and Margaret.
17.	3.	Anna Cornelia Newell .....	John and Patience.
18.	9.	Irene Maria Fitts .....	Charles O. and Fannie.
19.	17.	Ruby May Hopkinson.....	William and Elizabeth.
20.	21.	Olive Nichols .....	George and Annie.
21. May	13.	Victor Lawrence Mason.....	Victor J. and Lillie.
22.	15.	Sadie Lena Corr.....	Peter T. and Sarah.
23.	19.	Henry Condon.....	John and Nellie.
24. June	10.	Ada Lofthouse.....	Joseph and Mary.
25.	21.	Howard E. Newell .....	Isaac and Lucy.

26.	24.	Mareanne Evelina Brebant ..	Joseph and Anna.
27. July	1.	Doris Perry .....	Richard and Harriet
28.	24.	Ethel May Stott.....	Ernest and Clara.
29.	31.	Charlotte Pardee.....	Joseph and Mary.
30. Aug.	5.	Edward Birch .....	John and Frona.
31.	11.	Leroy McMahon .....	Edward and Rachel.
32.	16.	George Stevenson.....	William and Elizabeth.
33.	24.	Roderick P. Higgins .....	Patrick J. and Mary.
34.	28.	Delia Williams .....	Charles H. and Adelia.
35. Sept.	3.	—— Shepherd .....	William and Maud.
36.	6.	Mary Regina Alice Crawford.	John and Catherine.
37.	22.	Doretha Hayes.....	John and Mary.
38.	24.	May Agnes Casey .....	William and Mary.
39.	25.	Charles Raymond Monahan..	Wm. and Johannah.
40. Oct.	5.	Helen Manson Moore .....	Fred H. and Emma.
41.	12.	Margaret Griffin.....	Michael and Bridget.
42.	27.	Celie Evilene England .....	Irving and Lida.
43. Nov.	21.	John Michael O'Brien.....	Jeremiah and Bridget.
44. Dec.	11.	Rose Ella White.....	John F. and Rose.
45.	20.	Frank Albert Brigham.....	James and Mattie.
46.	27.	Bessie Alice Switzer.....	Arthur and Alice.
47. Apr.	1.	David Shea .....	John and Nellie.
48. May	23.	Rilla Louise Bowers .....	Thomas P. and Mary.
49. Nov.	8.	Harold Everett Shed .....	Chas. H. and Charlotte.
50. Dec.	4.	Nora Josephine Hayes .....	Timothy and Lena.
51.	17.	Mary Gladys Barrington ....	Albert and Sarah.
52.	18.	Ruth Moore .....	William and Florence.
53.	19.	James Andrew Chambers....	William and Jennie.
54.	27.	Helen Doris Livingston .....	Henry and Maud.
55. May	3.	Ghoan Magar .....	Mosac and Alton.
56. Oct.	31.	Mary Alice Bicknell.....	Frank J. and Nellie M.

HERBERT A. KING,

*Town Clerk.*



## Deaths Recorded in Billerica for the Year 1898

No.	Date.	Name.	Age.		
			Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.
1.	Jan. 2.	Alice Mills.....	46	5	
2.	5.	Peter Conley .....	52		
3.	23.	Fannie A. Metcalf.....	38		
4.	Feb. 7.	John Ormrod.....	52		
5.	13.	Henry Paul McSweeney.....	7 weeks.		
6.	14.	Clarence Balmforth.....	63	9	6
7.	Jan. 13.	Benj. F. Crosby.....	67	9	10
8.	Mar. 15.	Lilla Toomey.....	13		
9.	17.	— Hannon.....			
10.	27.	Frank Freeman Frost.....		2	25
11.	31.	Maggie Murphy.....	27	2	
12.	April 5.	Cornelia M. Davis.....	59	5	
13.	18.	Mark Lund.....	80	9	21
14.	23.	James Flynn.....	21		
15.	May 6.	William S. King.....	62		1
16.	June 6.	Kate Barry.....	29		
17.	11.	Lucinda G. Reed.....	87	6	22
18.	13.	Milo B. King.....	9	10	3
19.	July 1.	Annie M. Searles.....	19	10	17
20.	18.	Ethel G. Draper.....	17	1	2
21.	20.	Abbie J. Oliver.....	49	1	1
22.	25.	Sarah Platt.....	76	8	4
23.	28.	Maria Elizabeth Somers.....		4	17
24.	Aug. 16.	George Stevenson.....			
25.	18.	Susie Ann McElligott.....	28	3	22
26.	16.	Zibiah Bathreck.....	48	2	16
27.	Sept. 3.	Mary Lizzie Shepherd.....		9 hours.	
28.	8.	John Mason Bailey.....	56	6	23
29.	11.	Anna May Benson.....	17	5	22
30.	17.	Margaret Burke.....	48		

31.	Oct.	10.	James Herbert Cook.....	29		
32.		12.	Margaret Griffin.....		1	
33.		19.	Frank G. Manson.....	36	2	6
34.		25.	John F. Murphy.....	41	11	
35.	Nov.	15.	George Alexander Ash.....		9	10
36.		23.	Daniel Collins.....	36		
37.		30.	Ethel May Hodgkins.....	1	2	15
38.	Dec.	3.	Samuel Osgood.....	73	9	
39.		4.	Thomas Barnes.....	62	1	24
40.		9.	Martha Ann Dodge.....	78	11	9
41.	April	2.	David Shea.....		10 hours.	
42.	Oct.	17.	Benjamin Walker.....	56	7	10

#### BURIALS OF NON-RESIDENTS IN BILLERICA DURING 1898.

Date.		Name.		Age.		
				Yrs.	Mos.	Days.
March	10.	Hans B. Baum.....			1	
April	13.	Mary A. Ash.....	50			
	29.	Abigail A. Gray.....	76	6	12	
July	16.	Susan E. Hutchins.....	71			
August	27.	— Wetherbee ...				

HERBERT A. KING,

*Town Clerk.*

## List of Persons Having Dogs Licensed During the Year 1898.

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. D. R. Bigelow,      | 29. Eliza Wasgott,     |
| 2. L. W. Faulkner,     | 30. H. Sherry,         |
| 3. Irving England,     | 31. M. C. Murphy,      |
| 4. John Hockyard,      | 32. E. D. Nickles,     |
| 5. E. J. Sanborn,      | 33. J. W. Richardson,  |
| 6. Lewis Marion,       | 34. J. W. Richardson,  |
| 7. W. W. Wilson,       | 35. Chris Walker,      |
| 8. Fuller Twins,       | 36. William F. Symmes, |
| 9. A. D. Stanton,      | 37. John Nutall,       |
| 10. F. L. Richard,     | 38. Hannah Collins,    |
| 11. F. L. Richard,     | 39. Hannah Collins,    |
| 12. F. L. Richard,     | 40. John Coughlin,     |
| 13. Mrs. J. M. Bailey, | 41. Charles Collins,   |
| 14. Mrs. J. M. Bailey, | 42. John A. Hannon,    |
| 15. John E. Bull,      | 43. John A. Hannon.    |
| 16. F. W. Gatler,      | 44. Elias D. Hannon,   |
| 17. Carrie D. Shedd,   | 45. Harry B. Rudd,     |
| 18. T. G. Messer,      | 46. James Ellis,       |
| 19. H. W. Sheldon,     | 47. Arthur Ellis,      |
| 20. Orra A. Fletcher,  | 48. Orren Mayberry,    |
| 21. Thomas Hoslam,     | 49. Amy E. Putney,     |
| 22. C. H. Kohlrausch,  | 50. Josiah Wright,     |
| 23. H. B. Richardson,  | 51. William H. Gannon, |
| 24. W. H. Crosby,      | 52. K. J. Conway,      |
| 25. W. H. Kohlrausch,  | 53. F. C. Bemis,       |
| 26. John H. Foster,    | 54. M. Savage,         |
| 27. Patrick Connelly,  | 55. T. M. Clark,       |
| 28. Mrs. Sarah Woods,  | 56. J. W. Parker,      |

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| 57. Perley D. Smith,       | 91. Henry A. Dutton,      |
| 58. E. J. Hill Estate,     | 92. S. A. Raylett,        |
| 59. Leo. F. Colson,        | 93. Arthur S. Dodge,      |
| 60. Michael J. McElligott, | 94. Harry Smith,          |
| 61. J. W. Broadbent,       | 95. Charles W. Flanders,  |
| 62. Jason Hutchins,        | 96. Andrew Morrissey,     |
| 63. John Shepherd,         | 97. George Nickles,       |
| 64. Charles H. Shed,       | 98. V. Rollins,           |
| 65. Isaac Hopkinson,       | 99. Joseph Brebant,       |
| 66. James Barrington,      | 100. Warren Shedd,        |
| 67. Robert Faulds,         | 101. J. M. Saunders,      |
| 68. Lucy M. Sawyer,        | 102. D. W. Costello,      |
| 69. Fred C. Smith,         | 103. John J. Higgins,     |
| 70. H. W. Essex,           | 104. George P. Greenwood, |
| 71. William H. Simmonds,   | 105. Everett L. Hawes,    |
| 72. N. P. Jones,           | 106. Percy S. Beard,      |
| 73. N. P. Jones,           | 107. Al. Price,           |
| 74. Fred H. Munroe,        | 108. E. F. Fuller,        |
| 75. A. D. Boynton,         | 109. Mrs. J. M. Bailey,   |
| 76. Mrs. E. R. Fowler,     | 110. D. W. Fitch          |
| 77. Willie Cowdrey,        | 111. Warren Holden,       |
| 78. Fred L. Gleason,       | 112. A. O. Dane,          |
| 79. Charles Lyon,          | 113. M. O. Ruth,          |
| 80. Mrs. I. W. Talbot,     | 114. Holden & Co.         |
| 81. Mrs. I. W. Talbot,     | 115. Alexander Dutton,    |
| 82. Warren Carter,         | 116. Fred Rosenthal,      |
| 83. Jonathan Williams,     | 117. Fred Pasho,          |
| 84. William Casey,         | 118. Mrs. J. Perry,       |
| 85. Sarah Dutton,          | 119. M. V. Dickey,        |
| 86. John Harrington,       | 120. Owen Murningham,     |
| 87. George Lord,           | 121. John H. O'Brien,     |
| 88. J. W. Dane,            | 122. Ernest Stott,        |
| 89. Fred Carr,             | 123. Edward B. Haskell,   |
| 90. William Hanon,         | 124. G. E. Spaulding,     |



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| 125. Benjamin H. Wanson, | 143. George Moore,         |
| 126. Edward O'Toole,     | 144. Robert Stott,         |
| 127. Aaron Pasho,        | 145. Fred Wain,            |
| 128. Albert Lakeman,     | 146. George Fairbrother,   |
| 129. A. J. Derby,        | 147. Ben. Walker,          |
| 130. Roger Barrington,   | 148. Joseph Potts,         |
| 131. J. E. Bottomley,    | 150. H. D. Livingstone,    |
| 132. Mrs. B. Dugan,      | 151. C. A. Wright,         |
| 133. M. Hayes,           | 152. C. A. Wright,         |
| 134. J. Sullivan,        | 153. Daniel Holt,          |
| 135. J. M. Bailey,       | 154. William Smith Trefry, |
| 136. John J. Hayes,      | 155. F. H. Parker,         |
| 137. Thomas Harrigan,    | 156. F. H. Parker,         |
| 138. Isaac Newell,       | 157. Allen Bottomley,      |
| 139. Herbert C. Somers,  | 158. John P. Gregware,     |
| 140. William Lyons,      | 159. Henry Mahoney,        |
| 141. C. J. Hayes,        | 160. A. Stearns,           |
| 142. George R. Herrick,  | 161. R. B. Holden,         |
|                          | 162. Mrs. M. Monty.        |

ATTEST:      HERBERT A. KING,

*Town Clerk,*

## OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

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There have been seven inmates at the almshouse the last year.

Number of tramps lodged and fed at the almshouse the last year, 455.

### TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

To appraisal of personal property Feb. 10,		
1898 .....	\$3,894 45	
Paid by Superintendent to Treasurer .....	2,624 62	
	<hr style="width: 10%;"/>	\$6,519 07
 To appraisal of personal property Feb. 17,		
1899 .....	\$3,933 48	
Paid by Superintendent to Treasurer .....	1,932 68	
	<hr style="width: 10%;"/>	\$5,866 16
		<hr style="width: 10%;"/>
Balance against the almshouse .....		\$652 91
 Expenditures at the almshouse for the year.	\$2,927 15	
Receipts at the almshouse for the year .....	1,932 68	
	<hr style="width: 10%;"/>	\$944 47
Appropriation for the almshouse for the year		1,000 00
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Amount not expended .....		\$5 53

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JOHN E. ROWELL,  
MOSES P. GREENWOOD,  
*Overseers of Poor.*

## EXPENSES AT TOWN FARM.

MARCH, 1897.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife, Superintendent and Matron	\$42 00
Charles Lapoint, labor.....	18 00
Charles Philips, labor .....	8 00
Isaac Parsley, three loads manure.....	3 00
J. L. Chalifoux, one pair boots .....	2 19
H. E. Noyes & Son, potatoes .....	2 79
A. O. Dane, crackers and bread .....	7 75
Frank J. Hildreth, one cow .....	42 50
Warren Holden, nine hot-bed sash.....	13 50
F. A. Morey, grain .....	19 05
John E. Rowell, grain.....	66 57
Sundry small bills .....	7 30
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	\$232 65

APRIL.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife.....	\$42 00
Charles Lapoint, labor.....	24 00
John H. Phillips, labor.....	18 00
Daniel Calahan, labor.....	12 00
A. Parsons, blacksmith.....	4 10
Putnam & Son, clothing.....	50
W. H. Spaulding & Co., paints and oil.....	3 25
Wm. Emerson, manure.....	3 00
H. E. Noyes & Son, potatoes.....	2 79
Elmer E. Cole, grain.....	47 85
J. B. Fuller, 4 pigs.....	9 00
Bartlett & Dow, hardware.....	6 13
Dr. O. A. Flint, medical attendance on town's poor,	37 50
John Wozencroft, blacksmith.....	3 10
Talbot Chemical Co., potash.....	1 68
S. K. Dexter, potatoes.....	4 50
E. N. Woods, grain.....	1 33
Offutt & Pierce, oil cloth.....	1 75
W. H. Spaulding & Co., oil, etc.....	9 59

Paid J. G. Birtwell, meat.....	\$13 32
J. G. Birtwell, two bbls. onions.....	2 75
F. A. Morey, grain and fertilizer.....	23 02
J. E. Bull, dry goods.....	4 00
F. H. Parker, groceries.....	15 18
Jennie Perry, groceries.....	10 84
Sundry small bills.....	6 33

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\$307 51

## MAY.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife.....	\$42 00
Charles Lapoint, labor.....	24 00
Daniel Calahan, labor.....	18 00
Mary A. Winne, labor.....	2 00
P. W. Brown, labor.....	1 50
Elmer E. Cole, flour and grain.....	19 25
E. N. Woods, & Co., millet seed and peas.....	1 75
S. K. Dexter, flour, butter and lard.....	8 35
Bartlett & Dow, hardware.....	3 69
Elmer E. Cole, grain.....	33 85
Howe Lumber Co., lumber.....	1 25
S. K. Dexter, potatoes.....	3 30
Wm. H. Parker & Sons, manure.....	31 65
H. E. Noyes & Son, potatoes.....	15 60
F. A. Morey, coal.....	66 97
F. A. Morey, grain and groceries.....	34 18
Sundry small bills.....	7 65

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\$314 99

## JUNE.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife.....	\$42 00
Charles Lapoint, labor.....	24 00
Daniel Calahan, labor.....	4 00
Edward Lashre, labor.....	4 50
Alphonse Tessier, labor.....	15 75
Mary Handlin, labor.....	7 14
Charles Badger, labor.....	2 00



Paid A. O. Dane, crackers.....	\$14 55
E. N. Woods & Co., grain .....	2 18
W. H. Spaulding, window shades.....	6 00
Bartlett & Dow, hardware.....	3 45
W. F. Cogswell, potatoes.....	3 00
H. E. Noyes, potatoes.....	5 85
F. W. Cheney & Co., hardware.....	20 55
G. M. Teel & Co., fish.....	5 15
Jennie Perry, groceries.....	8 45
J. Wozencroft, blacksmith .....	3 85
Wm. E. Livingston, grain.....	11 78
Sundry small bills .....	1 35

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\$185 55

## JULY.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife.....	\$42 00
Charles Lapoint, labor .....	24 00
Mary Hardley, labor .....	3 58
Etta Rourke, labor.....	4 66
Charles E. Bradley, labor.....	25 00
Alphonse Tessier, labor .....	25 00
F. H. Parker, groceries.....	15 95
F. A. Morey, grain .....	10 13
N. Pearsons, skim milk.....	3 30
G. A. Lovering, painting blinds .....	3 30
J. H. Huntley, blinds .....	4 90
A. Barrons, blacksmith .....	3 40
Elmer E. Cole, grain.....	24 03
Elmer E. Cole, grain .....	22 70
J. E. Bull, dry goods.....	3 43
F. A. Morey, grain .....	14 06
Sundry small bills .....	1 85

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\$231 29

## AUGUST.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife.....	\$42 00
Charles Lapoint, labor.....	24 00

Paid Alphonse Tessier, labor.....	\$20 25
Kate Rourke, labor.....	11 08
E. N. Wood & Co., grain.....	1 25
S. K. Dexter, flour and butter.....	11 01
E. N. Wood & Co., grain.....	5 39
F. A. Morey, grain.....	8 08
Charles C. Johnson, shoes.....	3 25
C. S. Smith, fertilizers.....	21 00
J. E. Bull, dry goods.....	5 55
John Wozencroft, blacksmith.....	2 68
H. L. Shedd, fertilizers.....	27 50
Joseph Plummer, brewer grain.....	13 20
E. E. Cole, grain.....	13 70
Bartlett & Dow, hardware.....	1 70
Davis & Sargent, boxes.....	1 50
H. L. Shedd, plants.....	13 50
L. Sanford, flower.....	5 75
John H. Phillips, labor.....	2 25
Sundry small bills.....	2 15
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	\$236 79

## SEPTEMBER.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife.....	\$42 00
Charles Lapoint, labor.....	24 00
Alphonse Tessier, labor.....	19 50
Kate Rourke, labor.....	10 72
Wm. Robbins, labor.....	7 25
John E. Bull, dry goods.....	6 34
E. E. Cole, grain.....	36 36
S. K. Dexter, flour and butter.....	8 74
E. N. Woods & Co., grain.....	3 40
Mrs. Jennie Perry, groceries.....	17 29
Fred H. Parker, groceries.....	5 21
Charles J. Johnson, repairing harness.....	1 80
George M. Teel, fish.....	6 34
P. M. Jefferson & Co., soap.....	9 23
Joseph Plummer, brewer grain.....	6 00
Hildreth Bros., repairing horse power.....	3 50

Paid J. Knapp & Son, repairing machine.....	\$ 85
F. W. Cheney & Co., hardware and seeds.....	10 49
Sundry small bills.....	16 43
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	\$235 45

## OCTOBER.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife.....	\$42 00
Charles Lapoint, labor.....	24 00
Alphonse Tessier, labor.....	19 50
Wm. Robbins, labor.....	11 00
Kate Bolan, labor.....	9 00
E. E. Cole, grain.....	36 60
Bartlett & Dow, hardware.....	5 04
H. E. Noyes & Son, potatoes and onions.....	11 92
James E. Freeman, meat.....	8 73
Wm. H. Hutching, pasturing cattle.....	12 00
J. G. Birtwell, meat.....	49 21
Holden Bros., meat and groceries.....	83 32
Leighton Bros., chambers.....	1 25
H. E. Noyes & Son, onions and potatoes.....	9 50
Wm. E. Livingston, grain.....	4 88
S. K. Dexter, flour.....	4 75
Hanchett & McFadgen, tinware.....	3 27
A. Pearsons, blacksmith.....	6 50
S. K. Dexter, butter and lard.....	8 28
Johnson Bros., meat.....	3 05
S. C. Shirley, medicines.....	4 85
Sundry small bills.....	12 74
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	\$370 39

## NOVEMBER.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife.....	\$42 00
Charles Lapoint, labor.....	24 00
Wm. Robbins, labor.....	13 00
Elizabeth Gray, labor.....	3 00
Alphonse Tessier, labor.....	5 25

Paid Kate Bolan, labor.....	\$6 00
John H. Phillips, labor.....	2 00
Mrs. G. W. Cummings, employment office.....	1 00
E. E. Cole, grain.....	32 93
J. G. Birtwell, meat.....	8 12
Annie Harrett, labor.....	3 00
S. K. Dexter, flour and lard.....	6 28
J. M. Wilson, beef and ham.....	4 14
E. N. Wood & Co., grain.....	6 78
James E. Freeman, meat.....	13 42
Holden Bros., groceries.....	18 07
E. N. Wood & Co., grain.....	4 35
Sundry small bills.....	4 87

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\$198 21

DECEMBER.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife.....	\$42 00
William Robbins, labor.....	13 50
Hannah O'Leary, labor.....	10 00
Alphonse Tessier, labor.....	5 00
John E. Bull, dry goods.....	5 86
Mrs. G. W. Cummings, employment office.....	1 00
F. H. Parker, groceries and meat.....	13 43
E. F. Dickinson, making cider.....	2 25
S. K. Dexter, flour.....	8 30
E. Baker, killing hogs.....	4 00
Robert Barris, repairing harness.....	5 60
J. M. Wilson & Co., beef.....	9 46
Charles C. Johnson, blanket and boot repairs.....	8 75
F. H. Parker, groceries.....	3 77
A. O. Dane, crackers and bread.....	15 05
E. E. Cole, grain.....	50 25
H. E. Noyes & Son, potatoes and onions.....	8 80
S. K. Dexter, butter.....	5 40
Sundry small bills.....	2 20

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\$214 62



## JANUARY.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife.....	\$42 60
Wm. Robbins, labor.....	13 00
Hannah O'Leary, labor.....	13 08
Edward Lashre, labor.....	3 50
G. M. Teel, fish.....	8 06
Joseph Plummer, brewers grains.....	5 50
A. Pearsons, blacksmith .....	3 65
J. E. Sears, shoes.....	1 65
Jennie Perry, groceries.....	19 34
Swift & Bailey, ham and pork.....	2 97
F. H. Parker, meat and groceries.....	7 21
Charles C. Johnson, boots and shoes.....	3 60
E. E. Cole, grain.....	4 73
Wm. E. Livingston, grinding and grain.....	20 25
F. W. Cheney & Co., hardware.....	13 41
F. A. Tuttle, meat and groceries.....	91 71
Holden Bros., groceries.....	3 20
J. G. Birtwell, meat.....	6 93
Hanchett & McFadgen, repairing stove.....	14 55
Baptist society, pew rent.....	5 00
Sundry small bills.....	2 21

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 \$285 55

## FEBRUARY.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife .....	\$42 00
Hannah O'Leary, labor .....	10 00
John H. Phillips, labor.....	10 00
W. C. Parsons, cutting ice.....	10 50
W. C. Parsons, blacksmith.....	10 79
Armour & Co., pork and ham.....	2 36
S. K. Dexter, flour and butter.....	13 84
Sundry small bills.....	14 65

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 \$114 14

## SALES AT TOWN FARM.

MARCH, 1898.

Received for milk.....	\$51 22
two calves.....	4 50
labor.....	20 80
eggs.....	12 32
poultry.....	9 75
produce.....	7 29
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	\$105 88

APRIL.

Received for milk.....	\$60 86
vegetables.....	6 50
two calves.....	3 75
eggs.....	9 97
poultry .. ..	3 50
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	\$84 58

MAY.

Received for milk.....	\$77 34
eggs.....	7 03
straw .. ..	1 00
labor .. ..	2 50
vegetables .. ..	3 00
C. S. Houghtaling; use of land for sign board .. ..	1 66
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	\$92 53

JUNE.

Received for milk.....	\$88 06
straw .. ..	4 20
board .. ..	3 60
poultry .. ..	1 00
vegetables and fruit.....	2 50
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	\$99 36

## JULY.

Received for milk ..	\$89 82
vegetables.....	4 07
one calf .....	2 00
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	\$95 89

## AUGUST.

Received for milk..	\$92 24
eggs .....	5 92
vegetables.....	84 93
of E. W. Livingston for board of Mrs. Ellen Murphy.....	17 50
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	\$200 59

## SEPTEMBER.

Received for milk.....	\$92 39
vegetables and fruit.....	134 75
eggs.....	7 14
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	\$234 28

## OCTOBER.

Received for milk .....	\$91 28
vegetables and fruit.....	245 46
eggs. ....	47 27
stone sold.....	1 25
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	\$385 26

## NOVEMBER.

Received for milk .....	\$89 28
vegetables .....	33 38
eggs.....	4 91
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	\$127 57

## DECEMBER.

Received for milk .....	\$83 58
pork .....	9 51
labor .....	41 00
eggs .....	3 04
vegetables .....	13 40
from J. C. Ayer for rent of land for sign board	5 00
for board and nursing .....	79 00
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	\$234 53

## JANUARY.

Received for milk .....	\$72 30
eggs .....	2 44
board .....	32 00
vegetables .....	38 65
of E. W. Livingston for board of Mrs. Ellen Murphy .....	17 50
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	\$162 89

## FEBRUARY.

Received for milk .....	\$64 93
one calf. ....	2 60
pork .....	15 40
labor .....	11 90
eggs .....	2 06
apples and vegetables .....	6 53
sand .....	5 90
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	\$109 32

APPRAISAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT TOWN  
FARM.—FEBRUARY 17, 1899.

Fifteen cows.....	\$643 00
Three heifeirs .....	93 00
Three horses.....	300 00
Twenty-nine tons of hay.....	400 00
Sixteen tons of ensilage.....	64 00
Grain.....	35 00
Harnesses.....	75 00
Manure.....	240 00
Two and one half tons of coal.....	15 00
Wood.....	130 00
Six bushels of beans.....	9 00
Lumber.....	50 00
Ice .....	60 00
Blankets and robes.....	20 00
One hundred and forty-five hens.....	116 00
One two-spring wagon.....	65 00
One one-horse wagon... ..	55 00
One one-horse market wagon.....	65 00
Covered and Concord wagons.....	50 00
Three tip cart\$.....	125 00
Wheels and manure spreader.....	35 00
One pung.....	20 00
Two sleds.....	35 00
One one horse power.....	60 00
Corn planter and seed sower.....	20 00
One two horse mowing machine.....	15 00
Two ensilage cutters and carriers.....	75 00
One hay tedder and horse rake.....	30 00
One hay fork and rope... ..	30 00
One weeder.....	15 00
Farming tools.....	140 00
One derrick, blocks and rope.....	75 00



Ice tools.....	\$8 10
Boxes, bags and barrels.....	6 10
One chest of tools.....	8 00
Paints and brushes.....	6 00
Drugs and medicines.....	6 01
Furniture in superintendent's rooms.....	110 00
Contents of attic.....	40 00
Contents of tramp house.....	10 00
Furniture in inmates rooms.....	190 00
Blankets and comforters.....	15 00
Sheets, table linen and towels....	30 00
Kitchen furniture and cooking utensils.....	65 00
Earthen, glass and stone ware.....	25 00
Knives, forks and spoons.....	8 00
Milk dishes, cooler and pails.....	9 00
One watch and chain.....	5 00
Hotbed sash and shutters.....	15 00
Tobacco and cutter.....	1 50
Vinegar and casks.....	56 00
Vegetables and apples.....	47 25
Pork and hams.....	45 10
Butter and lard.....	11 50
Soap.....	8 80
Groceries.....	25 33
Preserves and pickles.....	14 00
Lanterns, lamps, cans and oil.....	8 00

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\$3,933 48

## OUTSIDE RELIEF.

We are fully supporting five and aiding thirty-four outside of the almshouse at the present time.

Paid Worcester Insane Asylum, board for Mary Morrissey.....	\$169 46
aid rendered Lawrence Bohonnan.....	33 00
Lawrence Houlton.....	16 29
Edward Keyes and family.....	183 09
Dr. O. A. Flint for medical attendance on town's poor from April 1, 1897, to April 1, 1898.....	37 50
aid rendered Mrs. Kate Jeffcock's and family.....	133 85
medical attendance on Mary J. Murphy.....	1 60
aid rendered John C. McPhee and family.....	44 00
Mrs. Maria Russell.....	64 66
Mrs. J. B. Doyle and family.....	99 25
Mr. J. Houlton.....	57 93
Mrs. Kiley and Mary Donovan.....	115 02
F. G. Manson, for medical attendance on town's poor from April 1, 1898, to Oct. 20, 1898.....	40 50
aid rendered Henry Hellsworth and family.....	2 00
aid rendered Onley children for board.....	4 00
for paper and aid to destitute stranger.....	4 07
aid rendered Mrs. Patrick Burke and child.....	64 19
aid rendered Wallace Somers, burial of child.....	10 00
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Cash received from City of Lowell.....	\$64 19
Cash received from the State of Massachusetts.....	10 00
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	<hr/> \$1,006 22
Appropriation .....	1,000 00
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Amount overdrawn.....	\$6 22

SEARS J. COOK,  
JOHN E. ROWELL,  
MOSES P. GREENWOOD,

*Overseers of the Poor.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

### Dr.

Balance, cash on hand, March 1, 1898..... \$291 37

Money received during the year and credited as follows:

#### 1897 ACCOUNTS.

Received from A. H. Jones, collector taxes 1895....	\$349 81
A. H. Jones, collector taxes 1896.....	1,841 32
A. H. Jones, collector taxes 1897.....	2,022 00

#### 1898 ACCOUNTS.

##### Schools:

Received from Town of Bedford, tuition....	\$15 00
Commonwealth, income Mass.	
School Fund.....	359 24
Commonwealth on account	
superintendent's salary...	625 00
County for dog licenses.....	294 12
L. T. McKinney for supplies	
sold.....	11 53
for insurance on Talbot School...	10 00
	\$1,314 89

##### Highways:

Received from G. C. Crosby, superintendent,	
as follows:	
Material sold.....	37 00
Use of teams on Billerica Avenue.....	182 38
Use of teams on hay scales.....	4 00
	\$223 38

## Town Farm :

Received from J. C. Parker, superintendent, for sales at  
farm during year..... \$1,932 68

## Incidentals :

Received from E. W. Livingston, janitor, use  
of hall..... \$30 50  
Dobbins, Lowell, for old boiler 75 00  
Police Court, Lowell, fines,  
&c., due town..... 58 03  
L. H. Holden, hay scales, No.  
Billerica ..... 26 70  
F. A. Morey, hay scales, Centre 17 70  
F. H. Parker, for old hearse... 20 00  
School appropriation for heat-  
ing, janitor service, &c., at  
Union Hall, 1898..... 96 00

## Received for licenses granted :

W. C. Phillips, auctioneer..... \$2 00  
C. A. Gleason, auctioneer..... 2 00  
C. L. Beck, auctioneer..... 2 00  
Edwin Kemp, butcher..... 1 00  
————— \$7 00  
————— \$330 93

## Interest :

Received from Old Colony Trust Co., Boston,  
interest on deposits..... \$61 55  
Received from Estabrook & Co., premium on  
notes..... 38 68  
————— \$100 23

## Cattle Inspectors' salary :

Received from Commonwealth one-half amount of Cattle  
Inspectors' salary, 1897 ..... 250 00

## State Aid :

Received from Commonwealth, for State aid paid by town  
in 1897..... 660 00

## Corporation Tax :

Received from Commonwealth, for corporation and bank tax .....	6,544 91
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## Anticipation of tax notes :

Borrowed on town notes by authority of vote, March 28, 1898.....	20,000 00
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## Loan to build Talbot Avenue :

Borrowed on town notes by authority of vote, March 28, 1898.....	2,600 00
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## Town Farm land :

Received from Selectmen for land sold from Town Farm by authority of vote, March 28, 1898.....	700 00
Received from City of Lowell, amount expended by town for aid to Lowell's poor .....	73 19
Received from Commonwealth, amount expended by town for aid to State's poor.....	45 00
Received from A. H. Jones, collector taxes for 1898....	24,955 69
Received from City of Taunton, amount expended by town for aid to Taunton's poor.....	8 00

## Water Works :

Received proceeds of bonds .....	\$90,000 00
premium on same.....	2,700 00
accrued interest on same.....	140 00
from Commissioners' construction account.....	2,620 45
from Commissioners' maintenance account.....	274 15
interest on Talbot Mills deposit..	1,446 88
interest on U. S. Trust Co. ....	22 69
	<hr/> \$97,204 27

Total receipts .....	\$161,447 70
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Money paid out :

Paid approved bills during the year and charged to the following appropriations:

## 1897 ACCOUNTS.

Balance, Cattle Inspectors' salary, 1897.....	41 74
Paid town note due April 15, 1898, borrowed in anticipation of taxes 1897.....	5,000 00
Paid for extension of Billerica Avenue.....	1,755 06
Paid balance Tax Collector's salary for 1895.....	100 00

## 1898 ACCOUNTS.

Schools .....	9,915 62
Highways.....	4,248 33
Bridges.....	177 99
Fire Department.....	1,076 69
Town Farm.....	2,927 21
Incidentals .....	1,397 10
Outside Relief.....	1,006 22
Town Debt.....	3,500 00
Interest.....	1,792 47
Insurance.....	184 25
Sinking Fund and Bond Interest, Town Hall Bonds....	2,000 00
State and County Tax .....	3,163 04
Street Lighting.....	700 00
Cemeteries .....	177 75
Sidewalks.....	14 10
Salaries of Selectmen.....	375 00
Assessors.....	250 00
Overseers of the Poor .....	200 00
School Committee.....	180 00
Town Clerk.....	150 00
Town Treasurer.....	250 00
Tax Collector, 1898, on account.....	250 00
Election Officers.....	92 00

Salaries of Cattle Inspector.....	\$182 09
Fish Warden.....	100 00
Constable, Janitor and Police.....	1,460 00
Registrars of Voters.....	100 00
Auditors .....	45 00
Board of Health.....	50 00
Common .....	75 00
Town Hall repairs.....	74 06
Copying records.....	6 00
Veterans' Memorial Day.....	100 00
Talbot Avenue....	1,588 84
State Aid .....	462 00
Town Notes (anticipation of taxes, 1898).....	15,000 00
School Library.....	99 07
Tax Abatements, 1897.....	62 35
Tax Discounts, 1898.....	170 85
Paid for relief of poor and charged to City of Lowell....	64 19
relief of poor and charged to State of Mass....	10 00

#### Water Works :

Paid approved bills for construction.....	\$77,787 93
approved bills for maintenance.....	573 43
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	\$78,361 36
Paid first payment to Sinking Fund.....	2,700 00
6 month's interest due Dec. 1, 1898, on	
bonds.....	1,800 00
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	\$82,861 36
Total expenditures.....	\$143,435 38
Feb. 28, 1899 :	
Balance on hand to credit of Water Works..	\$16,142 91
General account.	1,869 41
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	\$18,012 32
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	\$161,447 70

JOHN A. RICHARDSON, *Treasurer.*

E. B. COLBY,

R. T. PERRY,

GEO. P. GREENWOOD,

*Auditors.*

# REPORTS OF TRUST FUNDS IN HANDS OF TREASURER, FEB. 28, 1899.

Bowers Fund and Joseph Stearns Fund, for care of poor in Billerica:

Amount of Fund, Feb. 28, 1898.....	\$15,681 59
Received income during year.....	683 05
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	\$16,364 64
Paid during year on order of Committee.....	966 81
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Amount of Fund, Feb. 28, 1899 .....	\$15,397 83

Thompson Fund, care of Fox Hill Cemetery, \$1,000:

Amount of Fund, Feb. 28, 1898.....	\$1,075 15
Received income during year .....	37 06
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	\$1,112 21
Paid during year .....	50 00
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Amount of Fund, Feb. 28, 1899.....	\$1,062 21

Betsey Cowdry Fund, care of lot in No. Cemetery, \$50:

Amount of Fund, Feb. 28, 1898.....	50 00
Received no income and expended nothing.	

Abbott Singing School Fund, \$1,400:

Amount of Fund, Feb. 28, 1898.....	\$1,403 91
Received income during year .....	71 52
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Amount of Fund, Feb. 28, 1899.....	\$1,475 43

Winthrop Faulkner Fund, for Library, \$1,000:

Received no income and expended nothing.

Gray Cemetery Fund, for Fox Hill, \$500:

Amount of Fund, Feb. 28, 1898.....	\$597 60
Received income during year .....	23 39
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	\$620 99
Paid during year.....	50 00
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Amount of Fund, Feb. 28, 1899.....	\$570 99

## Shed Fund, for care of Manning lot, No. Cemetery, \$100:

Amount of Fund, Feb. 28, 1898.....	\$110 40
Received income during year.....	4 44
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Amount of Fund, Feb. 28, 1899.....	\$114 84

## Sarah E. Frost Fund, for care of Frost lot in Fox Hill, \$100:

Amount of Fund, Feb. 28, 1898.....	\$106 24
Received income during year.....	4 20
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	\$110 44
Paid during year.....	1 65
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Amount of Fund, Feb. 28, 1899.....	\$108 79

## Calvin Rogers Fund, care of North Cemetery, \$300:

Amount of Fund, Feb. 28, 1898.....	\$513 13
Received income during year.....	19 96
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	\$533 09
Paid during year.....	37 65
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Amount of Fund, Feb. 28, 1899.....	\$495 44

## Sweetser Fund, care of Richardson lot, South Cemetery, \$1,000:

Amount of Fund, Feb. 28, 1898.....	\$1,161 00
Received income during year.....	46 62
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	\$1,207 62
Paid during year.....	21 00
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Amount of Fund, Feb. 28, 1899.....	\$1,186 62

## Samuel Foster Fund, care of lot in South Cemetery, \$100:

Amount of Fund, Feb. 28, 1898.....	\$121 62
Received income during year.....	2 42
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Amount of Fund, Feb. 28, 1899.....	\$124 04

## A. W. Patten Fund, care of lot in Fox Hill, \$300 :

Amount of Fund, Feb. 28, 1898.....	\$300 00
Received income during year.....	12 12

Amount of Fund, Feb. 28, 1899.....	\$312 12
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Josiah Rogers Fund, July 15, 1898. Mrs. Elizabeth Rogers Weston, of Pasadena, Cal., gave to the town \$200, the income to be used in keeping in good order the lot of the late Josiah Rogers in the North Cemetery.

Amount of Fund.....	200 00
Received income.....	2 00

Amount of Fund, Feb. 28, 1899.....	\$ 202 00
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Isaac Knapton Fund, Dec. 1, 1898 : Mr. L. W. Buckley, Special Commissioner, paid the sum of \$100, the income to be used in keeping in repair the lot of Isaac Knapton in the North Cemetery.

Amount of Fund Feb. 28, 1899.....	100 00
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Total amount of Trust Funds Feb. 28, 1899.....	22,200 31
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E. B. COLBY,

R. T. PERRY,

G. P. GREENWOOD,

*Auditors.*



## Financial Statement Year Ending Feb. 28, 1899

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Balance cash on hand.....	\$1,869 41
due from Tax Collector, 1895 .....	7 46
Tax Collector, 1896 .....	1,374 40
Tax Collector, 1897 .....	1,765 76
Tax Collector, 1898 .....	7,312 47
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Total assets .....	\$12,329 50
Less town note, due April 6, 1899, borrowed	
in anticipation of 1898 taxes .....	\$5,000 00
Less amount due to finish Talbot Avenue ...	1,011 16
Less amount due Tax Collector's salary, 1896	100 00
Less amount due Tax Collector's salary, 1897	100 00
Less amount due Tax Collector's salary, 1898	100 00
Less amount due Cattle Inspector's salary	
for March, 1898 .....	17 91
Less balance of appropriation for copying	
records .....	194 00
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Total liabilities .....	6,523 07
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Surplus .....	\$5,806 43

# Financial Condition of the Town.

## TOWN NOTES.

Payee.	Date.	Due.	Rate.	Amount.
Trustees Howe School	June 3, 1852.	1 year.	6 per ct.	\$1,000 00
Bowers Fund.....	Dec. 1, 1871.	Demand.	5 " "	5,960 00
" " .....	June 18, 1878.	"	5 " "	400 00
" " .....	May 15, 1874.	"	5 " "	800 00
Trustees Howe School	July 12, 1878.	"	6 " "	1,000 00
" " "	Aug. 13, 1878.	"	6 " "	1,000 00
" " "	Sept. 11, 1879.	"	6 " "	1,500 00
" " "	Mar. 20, 1880.	"	6 " "	1,400 00
" " "	Aug. 4, 1880.	"	6 " "	500 00
*Bowers Fund.....	Nov. 3, 1885.	"	5 " "	2,000 00
†Trustees Howe School	Dec. 19, 1895.	1899.	5 " "	1,000 00
† " " "	Dec. 19, 1895.	1900.	5 " "	1,000 00
‡Payable to bearer..	Feb. 1, 1896.	1900.	4 " "	1,000 00
‡ " " "	" " "	1901.	4 " "	1,000 00
\$ " " "	Nov. 1, 1897.	1900.	4 " "	3,000 00
" " "	Dec. 1, 1897.	1899.	4 " "	500 00
" " "	" " "	1900.	4 " "	500 00
" " "	" " "	1901.	4 " "	500 00
¶ " " "	May 1, 1898.	1901.	4½ " "	650 00
¶ " " "	" " "	1902.	4½ " "	650 00
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Floating debt, Feb. 28, 1899.....	\$26,660 00
Less surplus .....	5,806 43
	<u>\$20,853 57</u>

Bonded debt. Town Hall .....	\$30,000 00
Less Sinking Fund.....	3,475 34
	<u>\$26,524 66</u>

Bonded debt, Water Works.....	\$90,000 00
Less Sinking Fund.....	27,000 00
	<u>\$87,300 00</u>

Total indebtedness of Town, Feb. 28, 1899.....	<u>\$134,678 23</u>
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OBJECT OF LOANS. \*Talbot School. †Furnishing Town Hall. ‡1894 Deficiency.  
 §Extend Billerica Avenue. ||Stone Crusher. ¶Build Talbot Avenue.

JOHN E. ROWELL,

EDWARD B. HASKELL,

JOSIAH WRIGHT.

*Selectmen of Billerica.*

## AUDITORS' REPORT.

### BRIDGES.

Appropriation.....	\$200 00
Expenditures .....	177 99
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Balance unexpended.....	\$22 01

### TOWN FARM.

Appropriation .....	\$1,000 00
Excess of expenditures over receipts.....	993 33
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Balance unexpended.....	\$6 67

### SCHOOLS.

Appropriation.....	\$8,500 00
State Fund.....	359 24
State Fund on account superintendent.....	625 00
Appropriation conveying children.....	120 00
Receipts.....	36 53
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	\$9,640 77
Expenditures.....	9,915 62
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Amount overdrawn.....	\$274 85

### HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation .....	\$3,750 00
Receipts.....	223 38
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	\$3,973 38
Expenditures.....	4,248 33
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Amount overdrawn.....	\$274 95

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation.....	\$1,000 00
Expenditures .....	1,076 79
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Amount overdrawn.....	\$76 79

## INCIDENTALS.

Appropriation.....	\$1,200 00
Receipts.....	330 93
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	\$1,530 93
Expenditures .....	1,397 10
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Balance unexpended.....	\$133 83

## CONSTABLES AND POLICE.

Appropriation.....	\$1,500 00
Expenditures .....	1,460 00
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Balance unexpended.....	\$40 00

## OUTSIDE RELIEF.

Appropriation.....	\$1,000 00
Received from other towns.....	74 19
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	\$1,074 19
Expenditures.....	1,080 41
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Amount overdrawn.....	6 22

## DEBT APPROPRIATION.

Appropriation.....	\$3,500 00
Expenditures.....	3,500 00

## INTEREST.

Appropriation.....	\$1,700 00
Receipts.....	122 22
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	\$1,822 22
Expenditures .....	1,792 47
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Balance unexpended.....	\$29 75

## INSURANCE.

Appropriation.....	\$250 00
Expenditures .....	184 25
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Balance unexpended.....	\$65 75

## SINKING FUND AND BOND INTEREST.

Appropriation.....	\$2,000 00
Expenditures .....	2,000 00

## STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Appropriation.....	\$3,500 00
Expenditures .....	3,163 04
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Balance unexpended.....	\$336 96

## WATER SUPPLY.

Appropriation.....	\$2,000 00
Expenditures .....	\$1,800 00
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Balance unexpended.....	\$200 00

## REGISTRARS.

Appropriation.....	100 00
Expenditures .....	100 00

## STREET LIGHTING.

Appropriation.....	700 00
Expenditures .....	700 00

## SELECTMEN.

Appropriation.....	375 00
Expenditures .....	375 00



## ASSESSORS.

Appropriation.....	\$250 00
Expenditures .....	250 00

## OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Appropriation.....	200 00
Expenditures .....	200 00

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Appropriation.....	180 00
Expenditures .....	180 00

## TALBOT AVENUE.

Appropriation.....	2,600 00
Expenditures .....	1,588 84
Balance unexpended.....	<hr/> \$1,011 16

## TOWN CLERK.

Appropriation .....	\$150 00
Expenditures .....	150 00

## TOWN TREASURER.

Appropriation .....	250 00
Expenditures.....	250 00

## TAX COLLECTOR.

Appropriation .....	350 00
Expenditures.....	250 00
Balance unexpended.....	<hr/> \$100 00

## ELECTION OFFICERS.

Appropriation .....	\$100 00
Expenditures .....	92 00
Balance unexpended.....	<hr/> \$8 00

## CATTLE INSPECTOR.

Appropriation .....	\$200 00
Expenditures .....	182 09
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Balance unexpended .....	\$17 91

## FISH WARDEN.

Appropriation .....	100 00
Expenditures .....	100 00

## CEMETERIES.

Appropriation .....	250 00
Expenditures .....	177 75
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Balance unexpended .....	\$72 25

## SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation .....	200 00
Expenditures .....	14 10
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Balance unexpended .....	\$185 90

## COMMON.

Appropriation .....	75 00
Expenditures .....	75 00

## BOARD OF HEALTH.

Appropriation .....	50 00
Expenditures .....	50 00

## AUDITORS.

Appropriation .....	45 00
Expenditures .....	45 00

## SCHOOL LIBRARY.

Appropriation .....	\$100 00
Expenditures .....	99 07
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Balance unexpended .....	93

## TOWN RECORDS.

Appropriation .....	\$200 00
Expenditures .....	6 00
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Balance unexpended .....	\$194 00

## VETERANS' MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation .....	\$100 00
Expenditures .....	100 00

## REPAIRS TOWN HALL.

Appropriation .....	\$100 00
Expenditures .....	74 06
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Balance unexpended .....	\$25 94

## SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Appropriation .....	\$100 00
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We, the undersigned, Auditors for the Town of Billerica, hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the several town officers, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

E. B. COLBY,  
R. T. PERRY,  
G. P. GREENWOOD,  
*Auditors.*

## ASSESSORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1899.

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The Assessors of the town of Billerica submit the following report. We find, in making our appraisal for the year 1898, an increase on real estate, \$19,459; and a decrease on personal estate, \$5,765.

Value of real estate, May 1, 1898.....	\$1,516,835 00
Value of personal estate, May 1, 1898.....	325,079 00
Total valuation.....	1,841,914 00
Rate of total tax per \$1,000 .....	16 80

Number of polls ... ..	662
dwelling houses.....	546
horses .....	441
cows .....	779
neat cattle other than cows.....	72
swine.....	69
sheep.....	12
fowls .....	4,285

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH WRIGHT.  
JOHN E. ROWELL,  
G. E. SIMONDS.

## An Appeal for Our Cemeteries.

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Recently there has been an awakening interest in the care of the Cemeteries in town. In some of the oldest, surveys and plans have been made. A Record Book for each cemetery has been obtained, and, as far as possible, all interments, with date, age of deceased and location of grave have been recorded in these books.

Some of the records are imperfect, as no stones have been erected, and, in olden times, "Burial Permits" were not required. The Committees of the Cemeteries would be grateful for any information regarding unmarked graves. The book of records of the North Cemetery is to be found in the charge of Miss Harriet B. Rogers; the records of the Fox Hill Cemetery are kept by Herbert A. King, those of the South Burial Ground by John Elliot Bowman. As the records are made from the "Burial Permits," it is desirable that some member of the family examine these to see that the name and age are correctly written. It is important to have the correct spelling of the family name for record.

Individuals owning lots are responsible for their care. In many cases, weeds, briars and coarse grass get into the lots and ruin their appearance. The owner, perhaps, visits his lot just after the scythe has run over it, and so does not realize its neglected condition. He needs to give it special care each year. The appropriation of the town is for general care in the cemeteries, and not for the care of individual lots. The committees are trying to improve the general appearance of the cemeteries. Will not the citizens kindly co-operate with them and look carefully after their own lots and those of their ancestors?



Article 2, Section XI, of the Town By-Laws reads: "For the preservation and care of lots in public burial places of the town: The treasurer shall receive and give the depositors a receipt for any sum of money not exceeding \$500, that may be deposited with him for the care of any particular lot, to be expended in the manner directed by the depositor, or under the direction of the cemetery committees, the lots to be credited with the amount, and debited whenever any expenditure is made." The treasurer makes this report yearly in the printed Town Report.

A larger sum than \$500 can be accepted by action of the town at any town meeting.

Several persons have already given, and others are intending to give money to the town for the care of their own and their ancestral lots. Will not all who own lots take this matter into serious consideration, and see if they cannot put lots under perpetual care? If they cannot do it now, will they not take good care of them each year, and, in their wills, leave a sufficient sum for perpetual care? Should not the tender memories of our departed lead us to care for their last resting places?

J. NELSON PARKER, for North Cemetery Committee.

JOSEPH JAQUITH, for South Cemetery Committee.

HERBERT A. KING, for Fox Hill Cemetery Committee.

## LOCATION OF GUIDE BOARDS.

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Board at corner of Russell and Mount Pleasant streets, No. Billerica.

Board at corner of Tewksbury and Russell streets, No. Billerica.

Board at junction of Tewksbury and East Billerica road.

Board at junction of roads in woods leading from East Billerica to Tewksbury.

Board at East Billerica, leading to Pattenville.

Board at Deacon King's, leading to Andover, and another board leading to Lowell.

Board at Mrs. Page's, leading to Wilmington, and one at Mr. Hopkinson's, leading to Wilmington and Silver Lake.

Board at junction of Salem and Andover streets, leading to Salem and Centre of Billerica; one at junction of Salem and Whipple streets, leading to Salem and Wilmington.

Board at corner of Andover and Whipple streets, leading to East Billerica station and Centre.

Board opposite Fox Hill Cemetery, leading to Centre, Wilmington and Woburn

Board at Mr. Hall's, leading to Tewksbury, Andover and East Billerica.

Board at foot of hill near Cemetery Junction, leading to East Billerica, Tewksbury and Wilmington; one opposite Mr. E. Baker's, leading to Tewksbury and Wilmington.

Board at watering trough in Centre, leading to Boston, Lowell and all adjoining towns.

Board near John Kittredge's, leading to Salem and Wilmington.

Board opposite Mrs. J. Knowles', leading to Bedford, to Lexington and Arlington.

Board near D. L. Mason's, leading to Boston and Woburn; also one leading to Tewksbury almshouse.

Board near Shawsheen River, leading to Lowell and Tewksbury.

Board south of river, leading to Wilmington and Woburn.

Board at Dodge corner, leading to Lowell.

Board at Hill's Cemetery, leading to Bedford, Carlisle and Chelmsford.

Board at C. H. Hill's corner, leading to Bedford; also one at South Billerica depot, leading to Bedford and Billerica.

Board at Cook place, leading to Tewksbury and Wilmington.

Board corner Main and Lowell streets, leading to North Billerica, Lowell and Centre.

Board at J. Conlon's, leading to Chelmsford.

Board at Cowdry place, leading to Lowell, Chelmsford and Carlisle.

Board at Manning place, leading to West Billerica and Chelmsford.

Board near Woods' corner, leading to Boston, Concord and Lowell;  
one near Bailey place, leading to Billerica Centre and Lowell;  
one on Carlisle road, leading to Concord and Lowell.

Board corner Bridge, leading to West Billerica.

Board at Brown's corner, leading to Lowell and Boston.

Board at Preston's corner, one leading to Lowell.

Board corner Main and River streets, leading to Chelmsford, Carlisle and Concord.

## LIST OF STREETS.

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In accordance with a vote passed by the citizens of Billerica "That the report of the Street Naming Committee be referred to the Billerica Historical Society to be reported at the next town meeting," the society after due consideration present the following list :

1. Boston road, from Chelmsford line running south to Burlington line.
2. Lowell street, from Boston road running easterly to Elm street, No. Billerica.
3. Sprague street, from Boston road running easterly to Treble Cove road, No. Billerica.
4. Treble Cove road, from Fordway bridge running southeast to Carlisle line.
5. Colson street, from Lowell street running south to Treble Cove road, No. Billerica.
6. Wilson street, from Elm street running southeast to Fordway bridge, No. Billerica.
7. Talbot avenue, from Elm street running south to Fordway bridge, No. Billerica.
8. Faulkner street, from Elm street running easterly to junction near railroad bridge, No. Billerica.
9. Pollard street, from Fordway bridge running south to Boston road, No. Billerica.
10. Union Hall street, from Faulkner street running east to railroad station, No. Billerica.

11. Railroad street, from railroad station running south to Mt. Pleasant street, No. Billerica.
12. Mt. Pleasant street, from Rogers street running east to High street, No. Billerica.
13. Billerica avenue, from Mt. Pleasant street to South Lowell line, No. Billerica.
14. High street, from Tewksbury line running south to railroad bridge, thence southwest to Pollard street, No. Billerica.
15. Russel street, (strike out) a continuation of street 14.
16. Call street, from Pollard street running east to Rogers street, No. Billerica.
17. Elm street, from Colson street running east to Faulkner street, No. Billerica.
18. Sheldon street, from High street running east to Tewksbury line, No. Billerica.
19. Oak street, from Sheldon street running southeast to Tewksbury line, No. Billerica.
20. Salem road, from Boston road at corner bridge running southeast to Wilmington line.
21. Floyd street, from junction of Pollard and Boston road running east to Salem road, Billerica.
22. Pond street, from Andover road running southeasterly to Mud pond, Tewksbury line, Billerica.
23. Andover road, from Boston road running easterly to Tewksbury line, Billerica.
24. Gray street, from Andover road running north to Tewksbury line, Billerica.
25. Canal street, from Andover road running easterly to Salem road, E. Billerica.
26. Whipple road, from Salem road running easterly to Tewksbury line.



27. Rangeway road, from Boston road running westerly to Carlisle line, No. Billerica.
28. Chelmsford road, from Boston road running westerly to Chelmsford line, No. Billerica.
29. Bridge street, from corner Bridge to Treble Cove road.
30. Parker street, from River street running south to Richardson street, Billerica.
31. Richardson street, from Parker street running east to Whiting street, Billerica.
32. Concord road, running from the junction of River street and Boston road southerly to Bedford line.
32. Whiting street, from Richardson street running south to Concord road, Billerica.
33. Tufts lane, from Boston road running easterly to Jones's Farm, Billerica.
34. Charnstaffe lane, from Boston road running westerly to Concord road, Billerica.
35. Lexington road, from Boston road running south to Bedford line, Billerica.
36. Common street, from Boston road running west to Concord road, Billerica.
37. Wyman road, from Boston road running south to Bedford line.
38. School lane, from Wyman road running southwest to Lexington road, Billerica.
39. Nashua road, from Chelmsford line running south to Bedford line, W. Billerica.
40. River street, from Boston road running westerly to Treble Cove road, Billerica.
41. Winning street, from Treble Cove road running westerly to Rangeway road, W. Billerica.
42. Duren street, from Treble Cove running westerly to Rangeway.

43. Sullivan street, from Nashua street running northerly to Chelmsford line near Wiley's house, W. Billerica.
44. West street, from Treble Cove running westerly to Carlisle line, W. Billerica.
45. Dudley road, from Concord road running westerly to Bedford line, So. Billerica.
46. Middlesex Turnpike, from Concord road to Lexington road running south.
47. Stewart street, running westerly from Turnpike No. 4 to Stewart's house, So. Billerica.
48. French street, from Concord road running southwest to Turnpike, So. Billerica.
49. Manning road, from Lexington road running westerly to Spring street, So. Billerica.
50. Webb Brook road, from Boston road, running easterly to Allen street, S. E. Billerica.
51. Allen road, from Boston road northeasterly to Andover road, E. Billerica.
52. Cook street, from Boston road running northeasterly to Wilmington line, S. E. Billerica.
53. Burlington road, from Cook street running easterly to Burlington line, E. Billerica.
54. Alexander street, from Cook street to Wilmington line running northeasterly.
55. Baldwin street, from Allen street running easterly to Salem road, E. Billerica.
56. Spring street, from Concord road running southeasterly to Bedford line, So. Billerica.

## WATER WORKS SINKING FUND.

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June 21, 1898.	Received from Town Treasurer.....	\$2,700 00
March 1, 1899.	Interest to date.....	93 42
		\$2,793 42

Above deposited with Talbot Mills at 5% per annum.

FREDERICK S. CLARK,

J. NELSON PARKER,

CHARLES H. KOHLRAUSCH, JR.,

*Water Commissioners.*

## Appraisal of Town Property at Town Barn.

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Four horses.....	\$500 00
Three carts. ....	150 00
Five harnesses.....	50 00
Three sleds .....	40 00
Four horse blankets.....	4 00
Road scraper.....	150 00
Halters and surcingles.....	3 00
Combs and brushes.....	75
Grain chests.....	5 00
Hay and grain.....	15 00
Scythes and snaths.....	4 00
Stone and drag.....	6 00
Jack and wrenches.....	2 50
Stone hammer and screen.....	2 50
Ploughs.....	8 00
Bars, picks and grubs.....	8 00
Fly nets and chains.....	4 00
Shovels and rakes.....	6 00
Axes and forks.....	2 00
Eveners.....	3 00
Derrick .....	15 00
Whiffletrees, bells and feed baskets.....	5 00
Pails, brooms and axle grease.....	1 50
Grindstone and lanterns.....	6 00
Blocks and canvas.....	4 00
Wheelbarrow.....	1 00
Lumber .....	8 00
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	\$1,004 25

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

### FIRES DURING THE YEAR.

March 28, 1898.	Still alarm.	F. Bemis, woods.	Loss \$25.00.
May 8.	J. O. Richardson.	Loss \$75.00.	
May 23.	Reardon land.	Still alarm.	Loss \$35.00.
June 7.	F. Bemis, woods.	Loss \$15.00.	
July 8.	Reardon land.	Loss \$35.00.	
Oct. 27.	Smith & Ready's barn.	Loss \$400.00.	
Jan. 28.	J. W. Essex, chimney.	Loss \$25.00.	
Feb. 5.	Talbot School.	Loss \$10.00.	
Feb. 12.	Charles Gleason's house.	Loss \$75.00.	

### EXPENSES OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation \$1000.00.

Pay Roll Hook and Ladder No. 1, to May 1, 1898.....	\$124 15
Hook and Ladder No. 2, to May 1, 1898.....	115 30
Steamer No. 1, to May 1, 1898.....	144 15
Hero Engine, to May 1, 1898.....	211 67
Dr. J. B. Tyler, alcohol.....	2 00
A. S. Jackson, supplies.....	3 00
B. Walker, use of horse.....	1 50
B. Kearney, use of horse.....	2 00
Talbot Chemical Co., soda.....	1 50
C. C. Johnson, supplies.....	2 65



Hook and Ladder No. 1, services.....	\$5 60
Benjamin Kearney, horses.....	3 25
F. H. Parker, supplies.....	2 80
Engine No. 2, fires.....	12 20
C. L. Burton, repairs.....	.50
E. Bartlett, watching fires.....	1 00
J. Crawford, watching fires.....	1 00
E. A. Barker, watching fires.....	1 00
Stevens Manufacturing Co., supplies.....	1 25
Boston & Maine, freight.....	.30
C. Callahan Co., hose and pipes.....	353 00
Holden & Co., supplies.....	3 10
E. W. Livingston, salary.....	25 00
L. W. Buckley, salary.....	25 00
E. B. Haskell, salary.....	25 00
Holden & Co., oil.....	2 97
H. D. Livingston, use of horse.....	3 00

## POLICE REPORT.

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There has been 37 arrests, for the following causes :

Assault .....	4
Drunkenness .....	16
Escaped prisoners.....	3
Insane .....	1
Vagrant .....	1
Larceny .....	5
Trespass .....	2
Interfering with officer .....	1
Brawler .....	1
Fast driving.....	2
Manslaughter.....	1

### DISPOSAL OF CASES.

Held for the grand jury.....	2
Committed to the Lowell jail.....	7
Committed to the State farm.....	2
Committed to the Worcester insane asylum.....	1
Committed to the Sherburne prison .....	1
Paid fines.....	13
Discharged and released on probation .....	8
Delivered to out of town officers.....	3

### MISCELLANEOUS.

Burglaries reported .....	5
Intoxicated persons cared for.....	15
Number of dogs killed .....	6
Persons locked up.....	7

Cases investigated .....	49
Strayed teams cared for .....	1
Suspicious persons detained .....	2
Value of property stolen .....	\$1,091 75
Value of property recovered .....	963 81

Respectfully submitted,

EVERETT W. LIVINGSTON.

MARTIN CONWAY, JR.,

*Police Officers.*

February 28, 1899.

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## REPORT OF TRUANT OFFICERS.

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We would respectfully submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 28 :

Number of visits to schools .....	19
Truants taken to school .....	6
Number of cases investigated .....	29

E. W. LIVINGSTON,

MARTIN CONWAY, JR.,

*Truant Officers.*

March 1, 1899.

# CATTLE INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

*For Year Beginning March 1, 1898, and Ending March 1, 1899.*

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BILLERICA, MASS., March 1, 1899.

The state not having appropriated any money to pay for diseased cattle, there has been no general inspection of herds this year.

The following is the total number of animals killed at the two slaughter houses, namely, Eben Baker's and Edward Kemp's.

Cows. ....	137
Calves .....	373
Hogs.....	79
Sheep .....	00

There have been 5 diseased cows disposed of as follows: 3 by burial and 2 to Lowell Rendering Co.

WILLIAM H. HUTCHINS,

*Inspector.*

## SCHOOLS.

Appropriation, \$8,500.

L. T. McKenney, superintendent.....	\$895 84
J. A. Baker, music.....	504 28
	<hr/> \$1,400 12
Miss Greenwood, teacher's salary.....	16 00
E. M. Arnold, " ".....	380 00
A. B. Bisbee, " ".....	389 40
K. A. Brown, " ".....	421 50
L. A. Brown, " ".....	383 50
H. L. Briggs, " ".....	150 00
E. M. Chapin, " ".....	475 00
F. H. Drake, " ".....	150 00
B. F. Harding, " ".....	350 00
M. A. Hosmer, " ".....	184 00
G. L. Knowles, " ".....	304 00
J. M. Livingston, " ".....	380 00
L. L. McIntire, " ".....	215 00
J. L. Noyes, " ".....	225 00
M. F. Page, " ".....	380 00
A. J. Page, " ".....	270 00
M. E. F. Shea, " ".....	418 00
E. Rideout, " ".....	214 00
A. L. Warren, " ".....	110 00
Miss Sawyer, " ".....	26 00
M. E. Hill, drawing teacher.....	151 34
Frank S. Bartlett, janitor.....	308 00
Fred Smith, janitor.....	250 00
	<hr/> \$6,150 74



Geo. S. Perry & Co., supplies.....	\$66 85
Greenough, Adams & Co., supplies.....	9 75
American Book Co., supplies.....	9 35
H. J. Pasho, sawing wood, &c.....	3 18
N. Sommers, sawing wood, &c.....	1 25
T. E. Smith, labor and supplies.....	33 53
Morning Mail, printing.....	5 00
Geo. E. Simonds, wood.....	19 00
J. L. Hammett & Co., supplies.....	18 44
W. L. Gardner, sawing wood.....	1 87
Aaron Pasho, sawing wood.....	78
A. W. Greely, tuning organ.....	3 50
Educational Co., supplies.....	2 50
Leach, Sewell & Co., supplies.....	12 50
S. N. Ward, supplies.....	12 00
S. A. Marshall, supplies.....	49 40
C. L. Burton, repairs.....	1 20
D. L. Brownell, supplies.....	2 50
Ginn & Co., supplies.....	18 33
Walter H. Sutcliffe, wood.....	16 75
Martha A. Dodge, census.....	25 74
P. E. Holman, conveying scholars.....	45 00
F. A. Morey, supplies.....	21 36
John Lane, janitor.....	3 00
C. I. Waitt, janitor.....	3 00
S. J. Cook, wood.....	25 28
Chester Pasho, janitor.....	3 00
E. E. Cole, coal.....	118 00
W. A. Holt, repairs.....	5 31
E. Kitchen, janitor.....	3 00
Fred H. Parker, supplies.....	70
E. E. Cole, coal.....	61 67
S. A. Marshall, repairs.....	38 89
George H. Hall, repairs.....	75 02
J. Brown, cleaning school.....	1 90
H. C. Somers, labor.....	2 25
S. A. Marshall, labor.....	1 69
Talbot Memorial Hall, use of.....	5 00
E. Kitchen, cleaning school.....	3 00
F. J. Barnard, supplies.....	46 84

L. T. McKenney, postage, etc .....	\$5 45
Ginn & Co., supplies .....	145 91
American Express Co., express .....	1 60
Silver, Burdett & Co., supplies .....	39 60
Leach, Sewell & Co., supplies .....	48 67
J. L. Hammett & Co., supplies .....	10 00
Blodgett & Co., supplies .....	6 25
Sam Ward & Co., supplies .....	6 20
Houghton, Mifflin & Co, supplies .....	25 50
American Book Co, supplies .....	12 00
Swinington & Smith, labor, etc .....	28 50
George H. Bennink, repairs .....	4 03
J. L. Hammett & Co., supplies .....	33 20
Jackson Wright, repairs .....	1 50
Wadsworth & Co., supplies .....	41 08
Geo. H. Hall, repairs .....	3 30
American Book Co., supplies .....	1 80
R. H. Blodgett, printing .....	20 25
Geo. S. Perry, supplies .....	14 90
S. A. Marshall, labor .....	2 80
F. J. Barnard, supplies .....	22 62
Aaron Pasho, sawing wood .....	5 62
Prang & Co., supplies .....	88
Geo. S. Perry, supplies .....	86 43
William H. Mason, cleaning schools .....	2 00
J. L. Hammett & Co., supplies .....	2 13
S. A. Marshall, labor .....	1 50
Ginn & Co., supplies .....	5 15
F. A. Morey, supplies .....	12 29
J. L. Hammett & Co., supplies .....	52
John Sheppard, sawing wood .....	1 88
Walker, Pratt & Co., supplies .....	30
Lee & Shepard, supplies .....	9 35
Bunkio Matsuki, books .....	1 63
Prang & Co., books .....	84
Geo. S. Perry, supplies .....	5 65
John Sheppard, sawing wood .....	2 50
A. Storrs & Co., supplies .....	12 00
Boston School Supply Co., supplies .....	16 30
George S. Perry & Co., supplies .....	141 15

N. E. Bambo Co., supplies.....	\$1 75
E. Kitchen, janitor.....	5 00
Swinnington & Smith, labor.....	66 24
Mrs. McLarin, cleaning.....	5 00
H. B. Kitchen, sundries.....	5 00
P. E. Holman, conveying scholars.....	45 00
C. A. Shultz, labor.....	3 14
Edward Smith, janitor.....	5 00
George S. Perry, supplies.....	2 35
Ginn & Co., supplies.....	22 53
S. J. Cook, wood.....	72 96
T. R. Sherwell, supplies...	5 00
William H. Mason, sawing wood.....	3 75
E. E. Cole, coal.....	153 40
W. H. Mason, janitor.....	5 00
American Book Co., supplies.....	2 40
Prang & Co., supplies.....	1 20
George H. Bennink, labor.....	1 28
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Inspector's certificate.	2 00
D. J. Dewire, coal, etc.....	19 95
Walter Sutcliffe, wood.....	80 25
John E. Bull, supplies.....	14 01
L. A. Brown, supplies.....	1 74
T. R. Sherwell & Co., supplies.....	3 63
E. W. Livingston, team.....	1 50
Peter E. Holman, conveying scholars.....	24 00
Ginn & Co., supplies.....	3 75
Geo. S. Perry, supplies.....	17 55
Fred A. Morey, supplies.....	1 00
George E. Simonds, wood.....	12 12
Swinnington & Smith, labor.....	53 26
J. G. McKinnon, labor.....	1 60
A. F. Lyons, janitor.....	3 00
S. A. Marshall, labor.....	4 50
American Express, express.....	4 55
Town of Billerica, janitor, truant officer and heating....	96 00

## MISCELLANEOUS.

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Appropriation, \$1,200 00.

Lowell police department.....	2 50
F. A. Fisher, counsel fees.....	43 54
Telephone Co.....	30
J. E. Rowell, expenses.....	6 00
Livingston & Smith, labor.....	5 10
Morning Mail, printing.....	50
Martin Conway, Jr., express.....	40
Josiah Wright, expense.....	6 00
J. B. Tyler, recording births.....	2 75
Gilbert & Barker, gasolene.....	12 04
Boston & Maine, freight.....	2 01
H. A. King, dog book.....	3 10
Holden Bros., supplies.....	1 06
C. N. Marland, printing.....	2 25
Cobb, Bates & Yerxa, supplies.....	5 90
T. F. Lyons, stationery.....	12 47
C. M. Young, funeral expenses of W. S. King.....	35 00
C. C. Johnson, polish.....	50
S. N. Stackpole, raising flag.....	5 20
Town teams, work at hay scales.....	11 17
Howe Lumber Co., lumber.....	13 68
Knowles Scale Co., repairs.....	47 40
Josiah Wright, labor on scales.....	34 88
Fairbanks & Co., repairs.....	78 05
F. A. Morey, supplies.....	3 18
E. E. Cole, coal.....	72 00
Morning Mail, town reports.....	127 90
Mrs. C. F. Barker, repairs town clock.....	95 31
E. Barker, labor.....	18 00
F. A. Morey, coal.....	79 52
J. W. Robinson, labor.....	58 45

S. W. Stackpole, raising flag.....	\$3 95
City of Lowell, prisoners .....	8 00
Boston & Maine R. R., freight .....	36
Thomas Groom, tax book.....	6 90
C. A. Holt, team.....	1 00
Morning Mail, printing.....	4 28
H. M. Meek, directory.....	2 00
Town of Tewksbury, taxes.....	9 36
E. W. Livingston, supplies.....	8 70
T. F. Lyons, supplies.....	13 07
C. S. Maxwell, telephone.....	30
William B. Moffatt, police.....	16 00
Greenough & Co., ink.....	40
Commonwealth of Mass., book.....	1 75
Martin Conway, Jr., ex. to Sherborn.....	3 80
S. A. Bull, adjusting scales.....	2 00
Swinington & Smith, repairs.....	43 20
Jackson Wright, repairs town clock.....	3 00
Gilbert & Barker, gasoline.....	13 33
Courier-Citizen, printing.....	10 00
Emory Smith, labor.....	27 23
E. W. Livingston, team.....	7 85
Holden Bros., supplies.....	4 88
S. W. Stackpole, raising flag.....	1 60
C. D. Marland, printing.....	1 35
Republican Club, use of hall.....	5 00
W. E. Sprowl, labor.....	1 50
Gilbert & Barker, gasoline.....	20 73
C. L. Burton, repairs.....	50
R. J. Davidson, piping.....	5 35
Swinington & Smith, supplies.....	29 51
Dr. G. L. Vandersene, reporting birth.....	25
Holden & Co., supplies.....	2 10
Albert Stearns, death returns.....	4 50
Floyd Pardee, services .....	24 50
Jackson Wright, repairs.....	1 50
C. A. Holt, telephone.....	1 65
F. A. Fisher, legal services.....	75 10
J. E. Blodgett, care town clock.....	25 00
H. A. King, express, etc.....	5 90

N. E. Telephone Co.....	\$ 30
Boston & Maine R. R., freight.....	1 50
F. H. Parker, supplies.....	2 75
G. C. Crosby, police and use of horse.....	13 20
J. E. Bull, supplies.....	1 30
Dr. A. Howard, reporting births.....	1 00
Swinington & Smith, plumbing.....	22 87
D. J. Dewire, coal.....	35 93
R. E. Westcott, photographs.....	10 00
J. W. Brooks, undertaker.....	10 00
F. A. Morey, supplies.....	3 10
H. A. King, sundries.....	53 65
Holden & Co., supplies.....	90
Dr. J. B. Tyler, reporting births.....	3 50
S. W. Stackpole, raising flag.....	1 60
Martin Conway, Jr., car fare, telephone, etc.....	8 40
E. B. Haskell, special police, telephone, car fare.....	7 50
Josiah Wright, special police.....	3 00
A. H. Jones, postage.....	22 60
C. A. Holt, telephone.....	45
J. A. Richardson, sundries.....	9 60
Holden Bros., shovel.....	35

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#### TOWN OFFICERS.

John E. Rowell, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor	\$227 50
E. B. Haskell, selectman.....	150 00
Josiah Wright, selectman and assessor.....	232 50
John A. Richardson, treasurer.....	250 00
Herbert A. King, town clerk.....	150 00
Allan Bottomly, school committee.....	60 00
John E. Bull, school committee.....	60 00
D. Moyer Staley, school committee.....	60 00
G. E. Simonds, assessor.....	65 00
Sears J. Cook, overseer of poor.....	100 00
Moses P. Greenwood, overseer of poor.....	50 00
Albert H. Jones, salary tax collector, 1898.....	250 00



## SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

Appropriation .....	\$100 00
De Wolfe, Fiske & Co.....	99 07

## BRIDGES.

Appropriation.....		\$200 00
Burnham & Co., lumber.....	\$135 84	
D. W. Fitch, labor.....	31 25	
F. A. Morey, nails.....	90	
Town of Wilmington, repairs.....	10 00	
		<u>\$177 99</u>

## ELECTION OFFICERS.

Appropriation .....		\$100 00
George H. Perry, warden.....	\$5 00	
Earnest Robinson, dept. warden.....	5 00	
J. J. Mahoney, clerk.....	10 00	
M. Coughlin, dept. clerk.....	5 00	
William Chambers, inspector.....	5 00	
Joseph Ellis, inspector.....	5 00	
E. L. McMahan, teller.....	2 00	
Joseph Hannon, inspector.....	5 00	
Joseph S. Holt, clerk.....	10 00	
H. A. Kirg, dept. clerk.....	5 00	
Franklin Jaquith, inspector.....	5 00	
Charles A. Wright, inspector.....	5 00	
Patrick Kennelly, inspector.....	5 00	
Charles Lyons, inspector.....	5 00	
Clarence A. Bonnan, inspector.....	5 00	
Philip Dolan, inspector.....	5 00	
George Colson, inspector.....	5 00	
		<u>\$92 00</u>

## CARE OF COMMON.

Appropriation ...	\$75 00
Roland B. Holden, services.....	75 00

## CEMETERIES.

Appropriation .....		\$250 00
Estate of I. A. Richardson, stakes.....	\$4 50	
E. W. Brown, labor.....	23 00	
F. A. D. Singhi, labor.....	87 00	
Courier-Citizen Co., printing.....	18 00	
J. B. Stearns, labor.....	2 50	
G. H. Dodge, surveyor and plans.....	17 75	
John E. Bowman, copying records.....	25 00	
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		\$177 75

## TOWN RECORDS.

Appropriation .....	\$200 00
Martha A. Dodge, services.....	6 00

## FISH WARDEN.

Appropriation .....	\$100 00
Patrick Kearney, services.....	100 00

## AUDITORS.

Appropriation .....	\$45 00
Erastus Colby, services.....	\$15 00
Sidney A. Bull, services.....	15 00
Richard F. Perry, services.....	15 00
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	\$45 00

## DECORATION DAY.

Appropriation .....	\$100 00
Coburn S. Smith, treasurer.....	100 00

## SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation .....	\$200 00
George Williams, repairs.....	\$6 60
Thomas McElligott, sidewalk.....	7 50
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	\$14 10

## TOWN HALL.

Appropriation .....		\$100 00
D. W. Fitch, labor.....	\$49 46	
E. Barker, painting.....	4 50	
Josiah Wright, labor .....	8 60	
W. H. King.....	11 50	
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## CATTLE INSPECTOR.

Appropriation .....	\$200 00
William H. Hutchins, salary.....	182 09

## STREET LIGHTING.

Appropriation . . . . .		\$700 00
J. F. Bruce, services . . . . .	\$60 00	
W. A. Evans, treasurer . . . . .	350 00	
Fred F. Casey, treasurer . . . . .	100 00	
Sidney A. Bull, treasurer . . . . .	190 00	
	<hr/>	\$700 00

## POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation.....		\$1,500 00
Martin Conway, Jr., salary as janitor, &c....	\$730 00	
E. W. Livingston, salary as janitor, &c. ....	730 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,460 00

## BOARD OF REGISTRARS.

Appropriation.....		\$100 00
E. L. McMahan, salary.....	\$25 00	
Arthur W. Holden, salary.....	25 00	
John Harrington, salary.....	25 00	
H. A. King, salary.....	25 00	
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## INSURANCE.

Appropriation.....	\$250 00
John H. Foster, for insurance.....	184 25

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## BOARD OF HEALTH.

Appropriation.....	\$50 00
John E. Rowell, services.....	\$7 00
J. B. Tyler, services.....	22 00
Thompson & Hill, printing.....	1 25
John E. Rowell, services.....	7 00
Coburn S. Smith, services.....	12 75
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	\$50 00

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## BILLERICA AVENUE.

Appropriation .....	\$3,000 00
F. H. Parker, posts.....	\$3 36
H. D. Livingston, teaming.....	4 00
Thomas McElligott, labor and lumber .....	28 50
F. A. Morey, supplies.....	7 18
Coburn S. Smith, gravel .....	50 00
George C. Crosby, superintendent.....	39 84
W. M. Batchelder, teamster.....	31 95
Charles Norris, teamster.....	31 95
John Stahle, labor.....	36 31
John Newell, labor.....	36 31
M. McElligott, labor.....	36 31
Andrew Hackett, labor....	75
J. McDermott, labor.....	6 00
W. Monahan, labor.....	28 13
M. Marcott, labor.....	29 25
J. Gerapo, labor.....	26 25
L. Lenclan, labor.....	22 13
Town teams, labor .....	102 10
H. D. Livingston, labor.....	43 00
Edward Spaulding, labor. ....	71 00
Edwin Manning, labor.....	58 00

J. Dewire, labor.....	\$29 00	
J. E. Rowell, labor.....	19 00	
F. Harrington, labor.....	19 00	
C. S. Hill & Co., repairs .....	7 96	
B. W. Kearney, as per contract.....	206 93	
George C. Crosby, superintendent.....	\$17 98	
W. M. Batchelder, teamster.....	13 86	
Charles Morris, teamster.....	13 86	
John Stahle, labor.....	30 63	
John Newell, " .....	21 88	
M. McElligott, " .....	30 63	
W. Manahan, " .....	13 50	
M. Marcott, " .....	13 50	
J. Gerapo, " .....	6 75	
L. Lenclan, " .....	13 50	
H. Sherry, " .....	6 00	
M. Harrington, " .....	3 75	
Town teams, " .....	80 28	
H. D. Livingston, " .....	36 00	
Edward Spaulding, " .....	36 00	
Edwin Manning, " .....	36 00	
D. Dewire, " .....	36 00	
Thomas Spaulding, " .....	36 00	
F. Harrington, " .....	36 00	
Charles Miller, " .....	14 88	
F. Moore, " .....	18 38	
Charles Morris, " .....	14 63	
W. M. Batchelder, " .....	13 09	
Town farm, " .....	34 00	
B. W. Kearney, contract.....	203 75	
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TALBOT AVENUE.

Appropriation.....		\$2,600 00
Edward Spaulding, labor.....	\$342 60	
M. Harrington, " .....	56 70	
C. Coughlin, " .....	52 95	
M. Damell, " .....	23 40	

John Cohen,	labor.....	\$25 65
D. Fitzpatrick,	" .....	24 00
Perri Boushea,	" .....	23 85
W. Monahan,	" .....	26 85
Patrick Hogan,	" .....	51 45
Jos. McDermott,	" .....	54 60
Edward Keyes,	" .....	32 40
J. Lyons,	" .....	24 15
Supplies .....		23 10
B. W. Kearney, labor.....		148 00
D. Dewire, labor.....		90 00
Edwin Manning, labor.....		54 00
Josiah Wright, labor and stock .....		161 28
Talbot Mills Co., grading.....		202 28
Staples Bros., supplies....		21 33
Edward Spaulding and others, labor.....		150 25
		<hr/> \$1,588 84





ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF BILLERICA,

FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1898-99.

# ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL BOARD, 1898-9.

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JOHN E. BULL, Chairman; term expires 1899.

ALLAN BOTTOMLEY, Secretary; term expires 1900.

D. MOYER STALEY; term expires 1901.

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## SUB-COMMITTEES.

Pollard and Richardson Schools, JOHN E. BULL.

Talbot and Union Hall Schools, ALLAN BOTTOMLEY.

Hill, Spaulding and Crosby Schools, D. MOYER STALEY.

LEWIS T. MCKENNEY, Superintendent.

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## TEACHERS.

Instructor in Music,  
MR. J. AVISON BAKER.

Instructor in Drawing,  
MISS MARGARET E. HILL.

Principal of Howe or High School,  
EARL C. DAVIS, A. B.

Assistant,  
VIVIAN B. SMALL, A. B.

Pollard Grammar,  
MISS ELIZABETH M. CHAPIN.

Pollard Sub-Grammar,  
MISS LIZZIE L. MCINTIRE.

Pollard Intermediate,  
MISS ALMA B. BISBEE.

POLLARD Primary,  
MISS MATTIE F. PAGE.

Talbot Grammar,  
MR. B. F. HARDING.

Talbot Sub-Grammar,  
MISS MARY E. F. SHEA.

Talbot Intermediate,  
MISS E. RIDEOUT.

Talbot Primary,  
MISS JENNIE M. LIVINGSTON.

Union Hall Intermediate,  
MISS KATE A. BROWN,

Union Hall Primary,  
MISS LIZZIE A. BROWN,

Richardson School,  
MISS ANNIE J. PAGE.

Spaulding School,  
MISS EDITH M. ARNOLD.

Hill School,  
MISS MARY A. HOSMER,

Crosby School,  
MISS GRACE L. KNOWLES,

Kindergarten—Principal,  
MISS ISABELLE HOULISTON,

Assistant,  
MARY B. BARTLETT.

## Truant officers.

Precinct 1.—E. W. LIVINGSTON.

Precinct 2.—MARTIN CONWAY, JR.

## Report of the School Committee.

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*To the Citizens of Billerica :*

In presenting to you their annual report, the School Committee wish to express their grateful appreciation for the cooperation they have received in carrying out the plans suggested in the report of the Superintendent one year ago.

The work of the year has been partly experimental, but we feel the results are sufficiently gratifying to warrant the continuance, for the present at least, of the plans then laid down. The adding of another school year, or a ninth grade, to the common schools, will be very helpful to many of the pupils, in being prepared to successfully take the examinations for entering the Howe, or High School, while at the same time, those that are able to complete the course in eight years, are encouraged to do so. The taking of the children above the sixth grade from the outside schools and putting them into graded schools at the Centre or North, must prove very beneficial to those pupils; while at the same time it greatly relieves the teachers in the mixed schools, and gives them time more properly to attend to the younger grades, which before were necessarily often neglected. The greatest barrier to the full success of the foregoing plan, is that of transportation of those pupils who reside so far from these graded schools as to make the walk to and from each day impracticable if not injurious to the health; and the committee would recommend to the town an appropriation of

\$300.00 to be used for this purpose ; also the usual appropriation of \$120.00 for conveying the children from the Shawsheen district to the Crosby school.

Through the kindness and generosity of private friends, a Kindergarten has been maintained at the North Village for nearly two years. This act so freely given is worthy of more than passing notice, but suffice here to say, that those little ones who have enjoyed its benefits, and their parents as well, will ever hold in kindly remembrance the names of those conferring them. We are glad to report that this school is expected to continue another year.

It is evident that greater school facilities will soon be needed at the North Village, in which a large number of houses have been erected during the past few months, which when filled with families of average size, there would be sufficient children to require at least another school room. Before the opening of the Fall term such a room could be furnished in the Union Hall building. This would have been necessary last year, but for the fact that no primary class entered the schools, but remained a second year in the kindergarten. Whether this room will be sufficient to accommodate all the extra pupils wishing to enter the school, time will tell.

Some repairs to buildings will be necessary the coming year. During the past year, in some of the rooms the walls and ceilings have been tinted ; the others should be this year, both as a matter of cleanliness and also being easier to the eye. The outside of the Pollard building should have two coats of paint. The Union Hall building should be put in proper sanitary condition ; complaints from this source have been too frequent, and the cause should be speedily rem-

edied. Sanitary closets with water service should soon be provided at the Pollard and Talbot buildings, thus doing away with the outhouses which have ever been a necessary nuisance around country schools.

Most of the teachers have been efficient and faithful; some of them qualified by long experience have done excellent service; others of less experience have entered heartily into their work and fully maintained the standard of their schools. But few changes have taken place during the year.

The introduction of drawing into the schools, under the direction of a special teacher well qualified for the position, the committee feel is a movement in the right direction, the benefits of which will be more and more apparent as the years go by.

As to the instruction in music it seems almost needless here to speak, as Mr. Baker's success is so thoroughly established as to require nothing but the usual words of praise.

In closing this report we wish to express our belief in the fact that much of the success of the schools is due to the untiring efforts of our Superintendent, who is ever on the lookout for improvement, and whose report we trust will receive your careful consideration and favorable action.

Following is the financial account for the year:

#### RESOURCES.

Town appropriation.....	\$8,500 00	
Massachusetts School Fund.....	\$359 24	
From state on account of superintendent....	625 00	
Refunded dog tax.....	294 12	
Received for tuition.....	15 00	
Books and supplies sold.....	11 53	
Insurance.....	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$9,814 89



## EXPENDITURES.

Teachers .....	\$6,092 77	
Superintendent.....	895 84	
Books and supplies.....	802 48	
Fuel.....	638 71	
Janitors.....	681 90	
Repairs.....	205 07	
Improvements.....	294 04	
Incidentals.....	190 81	
	<hr/>	\$9,801 62

Unexpended balance.....	\$13 27	
Appropriation for conveyance of pupils.....	\$120 00	
Expended .....	114 00	
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Unexpended balance.....	\$6 00	
Appropriation for library books.....	\$100 00	
Expended .....	99 07	
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Unexpended balance.....	93	
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Total unexpended balance.....	\$20 20	
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The Committee make the following estimates for the ensuing year :

Teachers.....	\$6,500 00	
Superintendent .....	275 00	
Books and supplies.....	600 00	
Fuel .....	650 00	
Janitors .....	700 00	
Furniture at Union Hall.....	150 00	
Partition at Union Hall.....	100 00	
Repairs .....	400 00	
Incidentals .....	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$9,575 00
Less State School Fund. ....	350 00	
	<hr/>	\$9,225 00

The committee therefore recommend that \$9,000 in addition to the dog tax be raised and appropriated for the support of schools.

JOHN E. BULL,  
ALLAN BOTTOMLEY,  
*School Committee.*

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## In Memoriam.

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At a meeting of the School Board, held at the Town Hall, Billerica, Feb. 22, 1899, the following was adopted :

Appreciation of the character and love for the memory of Mr. Peter Bohannon, prompt the utterance of a few words at this time. Our late friend was a long resident and respected citizen of Billerica. For several years he was a member of the School Board, and served the town faithfully and well in this capacity, and always manifested considerable interest in the success of our public schools, and as members of the present School Board, we deem it appropriate that we should place on record our recognition and appreciation of his faithful services to this community.

ALLAN BOTTOMLEY,

*Secretary.*

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## Report of the Superintendent of Schools.

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*To the School Committee of Billerica:*

GENTLEMEN:—The ninth report of the Superintendent of Schools is herewith respectfully submitted.

The following changes, entered upon at the beginning of the fall term, are proving important and profitable:

First, the plan of sending the pupils above the sixth grade in the mixed schools to the graded schools at the Center and North, is of undoubted value to all the pupils in those schools—to those remaining as well as to those who go to the graded schools. The former now receive more of the teacher's time and attention with six grades in the room than they possibly could with eight. The latter also receive much more personal attention in a school of two grades. In a word, by this plan the pupils in the lower grades of the outlying schools receive better training than formerly, and all the pupils in town receive the same training during the last three years in the elementary schools.

Second, the additional school opened in the Pollard building, consisting of the sixth and seventh grades, leaves two grades, the eighth and ninth, in the grammar room instead of three—the sixth, seventh and eighth as formerly. This permits more of the teacher's time to be given to each class with more satisfactory results. Indeed, the pupils in this room have made markedly better progress during the past two terms since this change was made.

The only large schools of more than two grades now are the Union Hall Intermediate and the Pollard Intermediate. There appears no way to wholly remedy this at the Pollard at present, although the work is to some extent relieved by the teacher in the sub-grammar room taking some of the class work in the intermediate room. The classes may be reduced to two in the Union Hall school during the ensuing year, if it becomes necessary to open another school at the North, as seems probable.

Third, the addition of another year to the elementary school course, making it nine instead of eight, is an important improvement. In the ninth grade, Latin, algebra, book-keeping and literature are taught, and the work in arithmetic and grammar is extended. Latin will not be required of pupils who do not intend to enter the High School, nor of those who contemplate taking the English course in the High School. Pupils who can complete, in eight years, the work outlined for nine years will be encouraged to do so. In fact a considerable number of eighth grade pupils will complete the ninth grade work this year, and will be well qualified to enter the High School next fall with the regular ninth grade pupils. Briefly, this additional year's work provides a better preparation for pupils to enter the High school, and is even more valuable to pupils who do not continue their studies beyond the elementary schools.

Fourth, the service of a director of drawing is also a valuable accession to the school system.

It is too early yet to speak of results under the present plan of teaching this subject. Indeed, we should never look so much for results on paper, as for the mental and moral growth, and the development of a just

appreciation of what is beautiful and good in ornament, design and color in both art and nature, that will result from right instruction in this subject. But the work has been well outlined and placed on a firm, broad basis that promises to give it a prominent and important place in the school curriculum. The plan and scope of the work is well stated in the appended report of Miss Hill, to which attention is respectfully invited.

Fifth, the appropriation of \$100 for school libraries has been expended for that purpose. The list of books purchased will be found in the appendix of this report. They embrace chiefly books of travel, literature and history. A few on art have been selected by the director of drawing to interest and aid both teachers and pupils in the study of drawing. A few also on teaching have been added for the purpose of improving the teachers in their professional work.

The aim in making this selection has been to include books of recognized merit, and at the same time books that will instruct and interest, and cultivate a wholesome taste for good reading. They are sure to prove a source of pleasure and profit to those who have access to them worth many times their cost.

The changes above enumerated are of such extent and importance as to mark an epoch in the history of Billerica schools. They are all in the line of progress and mean much in the educational advancement of Billerica children.

### THE KINDERGARTEN.

The Kindergarten at North Billerica has been very successfully conducted during the year. It has registered thirty-six pupils, and since September has consisted of two classes

in charge of two teachers, Miss Houliston as principal and Miss Bartlett as assistant. The course has been extended to two years, taking children during the ages of four and five years. The school is doing most commendable work, and assurance is given that it is to continue.

The children are taught color, form and number. They are taught to do things for themselves, to do them promptly and correctly; to decide for themselves questions of expediency, and of right and wrong; they are taught to use care in all things; to be mindful of the feelings and to respect the rights of others, and thus is cultivated those amenities of manner and disposition that render people agreeable members of society

All this training develops individuality, self-reliance and self-control. In short, it impresses the fundamental principles of good citizenship at an age when impressions are easily made and likely to be lasting. The Kindergarten develops the whole child mentally, morally and physically, and must make an admirable preparation for the school training to follow.

Just what effect the Kindergarten will have in advancing the children in the work of the other schools cannot now be determined, but the general development it gives must materially aid the children to comprehend the work in the grades above, and undoubtedly children who have had the advantage of this training will advance more rapidly than those without it.

The support of this school by friends of education in Billerica is a generous gift to this town whose value, in its beneficent influence on the community, cannot fail to be felt in future years.



It is highly desirable that a Kindergarten should be opened at the Centre, but on account of the recently increased public expense the town can hardly be expected to provide for it at present.

### HOWE SCHOOL.

The Howe School is in good condition, a progressive spirit pervades it, good order and industry characterize it, and the pupils are making rapid progress.

By act of the Legislature of 1898, high schools are required to be kept forty weeks in a year, to maintain one or more courses of study four years in length, and give such instruction as may be required for the general purpose of training and culture, as well as for the special purpose of preparing pupils for State Normal schools, technical schools and colleges. The Howe School is complying with these requirements.

The worth of a high school is not alone in the training it gives, valuable as that may be. It has other value than as a means of culture, or as a door admitting to higher instructions of learning—a gateway to broader fields of higher attainment. The high school is a strong stimulous to pupils in the lower schools. To them it is a goal to be reached as well as a gateway to be passed. Many pupils who do not contemplate education beyond the high school are ambitious to enter it and deem its diploma an object of attainment worthy of their best endeavor. These pupils, as well as those who contemplate higher education, and look to the high school as a means to that end, are aroused to better effort and held more steadily to a definite course by the ideals of a higher and broader scholarship held up before them by

the high school. It is the effect of "noble inspiration from above."

It has been the good fortune of the town that for ten years the Howe School has filled the important place of a public high school without drawing upon the public purse, and is matter worthy of public appreciation that the trustees and teachers are doing all possible to improve the efficiency of the school that it may serve the public purpose.

There is entire harmony between the elementary schools and High School. The transition from one to the other is neither a halt nor a sharp turn, but rather a broadening of the continuous course.

For information as to the detailed work of the school, attention is respectfully directed to the appended report of the Principal.

### MUSIC.

Mr. Baker has continued the instruction in music with his usual thoroughness and enthusiasm, ably seconded by the regular teachers with consequent good results.

On account of the instruction in drawing by a special teacher, the time devoted to music has been reduced. One hour and a half a week, divided between the special teacher and the regular teacher, is given to music in each school, and the same time to drawing. For plan and detail of the work in music your attention is directed to the appended report of the director of music.

### ATTENDANCE.

Schools having an attendance above 95 per cent. are :

Howe School .....	96.10
Union Hall Intermediate .....	95.91
Average per cent. of all the schools .....	92.11

While there appears to be a falling off in the number of school children in town, according to the enumeration for May, 1898, from 490 to 468, or 22, there has been an actual increase in the number of pupils enrolled in the schools from 539 to 590, or 51. The average membership, too, has increased 41. There has therefore been an increase in the school children in town over last year, notwithstanding the apparent decrease according to the enumeration.

Attention is directed to recent changes in the school attendance laws.

“ Acts of 1898, Chapter 496, Section 12. Every child between *seven* and fourteen years of age shall attend some public day school in the city or town in which he resides during the *entire time the public day schools are in session*, . . . *provided* that the Superintendent of Schools . . . or teachers acting under authority of said Superintendent of Schools . . . may excuse cases of necessary absence.

Sec. 34. The truant officers of towns and cities shall inquire into all cases arising under sections eleven, twelve, twenty-four to twenty-six inclusive, and thirty-one of this act, and may make complaints, serve legal processes, and carry into execution judgements thereunder. . . . A truant officer of any town or city may apprehend and take to school without warrant any truant or absentee found wandering about in the streets or public places thereof.”

## TEACHERS.

It is pleasant to record the return of Miss Annie J. Page to the Richardson school after an absence of over two years on account of ill health. Her return is welcomed by all connected with the school.

There have been four other changes in teachers, and three additions, viz: Mr. Harding and Miss Rideout in the Talbot school in place of Mr. Noyes and Miss Warren respectively; Miss Small in place of Miss Weeks in the Howe school and Miss Hosmer in place of Miss Briggs in the Hill school. The additions are Miss McIntire in the Pollard sub-grammar, Miss Bartlett as assistant in the Kindergarten and Miss Hill as director of drawing.

These changes have caused no interruption or hindrance to the conduct of the schools. The additions have of course caused improvement and the changes have on the whole brought gain rather than loss.

There is now a corps of twenty teachers in our public schools, including the Kindergarten, Howe school, and special, teachers. They are a loyal force, devoted to their work and are rendering splendid service to the Town.

### COST AND VALUE OF THE SCHOOLS.

The amount of money raised by taxation in this state and expended for all public school purpose exclusive of buildings, for the year 1897-'98, was \$9,553,807.94. This made the cost per pupil in the average membership of all the schools \$25.22. Nine and a half millions of dollars taken in the aggregate seems an enormous sum to expend for public education. But twenty-five dollars per pupil—it was the same year only \$19.30 in Billerica—is not a large sum to expend for a year's schooling for one child. Private instruction that is certainly no better, costs more.

This expenditure requires a tax of \$3.53 on each one thousand dollars of property and is about one-fifth of the tax raised for all municipal purposes. Is the cost of the

schools an undue proportion of municipal expense? Are the schools worth what they cost? Let the reply of Robert C. Winthrop, made nearly fifty years ago to an English gentleman, inquiring as to the value of the public school system in New England, answered these questions :

“I should find it almost as difficult to state the main grounds for my unqualified approbation of our common school system as I should to state the reasons for cherishing the common bounties and blessings of Providence—the light, the air or the seasons. I cannot conceive of our getting along without them, under a political system like ours. They are a vital part of our government; they are our most efficient police; our institutions would not enable us to provide any substitute for them. But, apart from any consideration connected with the character of our government, they seem to me the only effective means for promoting the intelligence, developing the energies and elevating the character of the whole people. Any voluntary system of education must leave great numbers of children untaught. It may be that among these neglected children are the persons whose natural capacities would have enabled them to do most for their fellow men; who, if their faculties could have been cultivated and developed, might have been foremost in art or science, in invention or enterprise, in literary, civil or military pursuits. It is certain that our American common schools have given their earliest and sometimes their only education to not a few of our most distinguished men in all conditions of life. Universal education freely offered to all, and of which all are, in a manner, constrained to partake, secures to society the benefit of all the powers which God has bestowed upon all its members, and thus gives the strongest impulse to the progress

of civilization and improvement. If New England has made rapid strides in anything good or great or valuable, since its settlement, I think it has been primarily owing to our common school system."

The public school system is the best institution in the state or community, worthy of the best attention, the wisest consideration, and the most generous support.

LEWIS T. McKENNEY,

*Superintendent of Schools.*



## APPENDIX A.

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### SPECIAL REPORTS.

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#### Report of the Principal of the Howe School.

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*Mr. L. T. McKenney, Superintendent of Schools:*

DEAR SIR:—Your request for a special report from the Howe School brings forth the following:

In the report of last year the attention of the parents was called to the fact that the time for study in school is very limited. It is not extravagant to say that the brightest pupil cannot do satisfactory work unless he studies outside of school hours. It is not unjust to ask the parents to assist in our efforts to develop the minds of their children. Constant study is of course a folly, but no pupil would be injured by two or three hours work at home each day; indeed such an amount of work is necessary for the best results. Pupils should understand that school work is serious, and that the condition of their entire life depends upon how they improve their school days. Teachers are always willing to take more than a just share of work and responsibility, but habits of laziness and carelessness ought to be overcome in other places than the school room.

An opinion, which has developed in the minds of a few, that a diploma from the Howe School will be granted on the strength of three or four years attendance, is groundless and erroneous. Such a state of affairs would result only in chaos. It seems unjust to see an individual suffer under the enforcement of a general law. One

readily sees that the only way to avoid a law is to live up to its demands. It is to be regretted that conditions arise which make the enforcement of any law necessary, but if they do arise, the one affected should accept the results without complaint. The question of granting diplomas and promotion is explained by the following resolutions adopted by the Trustees of the school :

1st. "That, hereafter, the standard for diploma be not less than 65 per cent. average in all studies, provided that in no one study the percentage be less than 60 per cent.

2d: "That the pupil deficient in two or more studies for any one year shall be required to take the entire year's work over."

From these resolutions it is obvious that the question of granting a diploma or promotion is decided simply by the written record of each pupil, and can be affected in no way by personal feelings.

The very marked improvement in the preparation of pupils before entering the school is very satisfactory. The unceasing efforts of the superintendent have caused a change in the grammar school curriculum which is a long and well taken step in the improvement of town schools.

Generally speaking the school has moved along during the year without any noticeable break. The resignation of Miss Angelina L. Weeks to accept a position in the Arlington High School was rather discouraging. Miss Weeks' unceasing work, and her interest in the school and pupils made her services of great value to all. We regretted very much to have her leave. The Trustees could not have done better in choosing a successor. Miss Vivian Small came here from the High School of Gorham, Maine, very highly recommended. The ease with which Miss Small took hold of the work, her pleasant manner with the pupils, the interest for study which she arouses in them, are proofs of her ability. May the school be so fortunate as to keep her here.

It is very satisfactory to note the interest manifested by the town's people in the graduating exercises of last June. Such an in-

erest is a wonderful stimulus to those who are in the school. It helps to make them realize that the advantages of school are not to be cast aside carelessly, that it is an honor, a manly step in life to graduate from the high school. Not only should the people feel an interest in the pupils, but they should feel proud to think the young people of the town can command their respects as did those who graduated last June.

The increased interest shown by pupils for education beyond the high school is very encouraging. It seems wise to fulfill such desires as far as possible. Education is a great capital in life.

Again would we call your attention to the refining influence of the musical course. The musical part of the program of the graduating exercises showed to you the results of the faithful and efficient work of Mr. Baker.

May the school committee and people show their interest in the school by an occasional visit. Let the pupils show you what they are doing.

Very respectfully,

E. C. DAVIS.

## GRADUATES OF THE HOWE SCHOOL IN 1898.

Ethel Bowers,	Ethel Buckley,
Lottie B. Cowdrey,	Annie F. Dodge,
Mary Hughes,	H. Gardner Lund,
Alice S. Rogers,	Eva J. Smith,
W. Howard Sexton,	Edith R. Wild.

The following have entered higher institutions of learning:

Annie F. Dodge, Lowell State Normal School.

Alice S. Rogers, Lowell State Normal School.

W. Howard Sexton, Bowdoin College.

Edith R. Wild, Mt. Holyoke College.

Ethel Bowers is teaching in New Hampshire.

## Report of Director of Music.

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*Mr. Lewis T. McKenney, Superintendent of Schools:*

DEAR SIR,—The study of music is becoming of more and more importance in school work each year. The advantages of the subject need not be dwelt upon. Its usefulness as a pleasant and healthful recreation, its influence in raising the tone of the school, its refining tendency, its help as a power for discipline being now fully conceded. Since the scholars realize the importance of “singing by note,” the attention devoted to it has enormously increased and the quality has improved by leap and bounds.

This power of reading music at sight has a far-reaching influence. It enables music of a better quality to be studied and prepared much more quickly and correctly. It enables part music to be adopted in schools more generally, as the power of reading the notes does away with the drudgery of teaching and learning by ear, and makes the work pleasantness itself, both to teachers and scholars. It saves so much time that it enables more attention to be given to the cultivation of a better style of performance, to expression and finish, to correct pronunciation and phrasing, to proper breathing and quality of voice—in short, to all that makes the soul of music. The successful starting of a primary school on its course of music for the year is a task requiring both tact and experience. If the majority of the scholars possess naturally smooth voices, it may prove an easy matter, but if on the other hand, as is often the case, there are a number of children in the school who are slow to perceive differences of pitch and whose voices are coarse and rough, the task the teacher finds confronting him is indeed a difficult one, requiring both time and patience to accomplish good re-

sults. Even one voice habitually below the pitch will influence others that otherwise might have been correct. There are teachers who do not allow such to sing, but in my experience I have generally found that such scholars gradually come to realize differences in pitch, and unless there is a physical defect, such scholars must be endured. Such a pupil if allowed to sing will gradually realize what singing on the pitch is, and when that mental awakening comes there will be no more trouble. There are exceptions to this rule, but generally this proves to be the case.

The position of the special teacher is not an easy one to fill. Added to his knowledge and ability as a teacher, he must have some qualifications of the superintendent. Very much depends on his executive ability, without this he will not be able to carry through his work successfully. He must be perfectly at home in all grades, from the lowest primary to the high school. Sorry work would he make if he could not adapt himself to the lower grades, *the most important in all his work.*

I cannot speak in too strong terms of the readiness of every teacher to follow the plans outlined, and the faithfulness with which each teacher has labored. And I can say that music in the schools is in a better condition than at any time since my connection with the Billerica schools.

Respectfully,

J. AVISON BAKER.

## Report of Instructor in Drawing.

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*Mr. Lewis T. McKenney, Superintendent of Schools:*

In compliance with your request for a report on drawing in the public schools, I submit the following:

So short a time has elapsed since the subject of drawing has been placed under special supervision, that it is difficult to report upon what has been accomplished. Therefore it will perhaps be better at this time to state our aims in this department, and the media and methods through which we work to attain them.

The term "drawing," as applied to what is done in the public schools, is often used in its narrowest sense, and the purpose of the work misunderstood. We do not teach drawing, or art, in the public schools with the idea of making artists, any more than we teach language or literature and music with the hope of making writers or musicians. Neither do we aim at a "manual dexterity" which used to be the ideal, and is now to the person who speaks of his neglected art education in these terms, "Why! I can't even draw a straight line." A cleverness of the hand is not our aim.

Among the things that we do try to accomplish through the study of form, representation, color, design, and the history of art, the elements of which are all included in the term drawing, are, first—as in the study of music and literature—general culture, a good public taste, an appreciation of excellent things in form and color which should result in the exclusion of the bad and the choice of the good; next, to cultivate the mind, the eye and the hand; to form habits of close observation, to perceive and express more and more; to invent and create new forms; and to make and read working drawings.



Whether or not children have talents in the arts, they all have tastes, and the elevation of these is one of the most important ends of education. It is said that the natural taste of a child is generally excellent. Unfortunately it is frequently so soon perverted by his surroundings, by lurid picture books and toys, by being told, often unwisely, what is and is not good, that his natural preference has no chance for unprejudiced development and his individual taste is destroyed. To cultivate individual taste the critical sense needs exercise. The judgment should be trained to recognize wisely and feelingly what is and is not good in his surroundings, and make his preferences good. This is one of our first motives. Not that we would form in our pupils the habit of continual finding of fault in their criticism. On the contrary he should be rigidly taught to look for merits first and faults afterward. Nor is it our purpose to develop art critics in our schools. We try rather to arouse an appreciation and enjoyment of everything fine with which they come in contact.

How does the study of drawing in the schools tend to accomplish these results of general culture, appreciation, good taste and individuality. Mental growth of any kind comes through the exercise of the faculties. We cannot truly understand or appreciate any but the simplest things until we have ourselves worked in their lives. One who has composed music, or who has constructed a locomotive, or who has plead a case, or who has made a drawing or design, understands, appreciates and enjoys these things far more than one who is unfamiliar with them. We never fully enjoy what we do not fully comprehend, and we cannot truly appreciate any work of art until we have worked along a similar line, or a beautiful form until we have tried to represent one. We may rarely or never visit picture galleries but ornament is the art of every day; and day in day out we are surrounded by it, and can make no escape from its influence. Good or bad it pervades every object, and most of us cannot shut our eyes and decline to take heed although there be all about us forms and colors which an observing

man would evade if he could. Many of us who would be shocked or offended by a loud manner or coarse expression, would be startled to be told that the loud colors, the coarse workmanship, the mechanical affectation in finish or the pretentious ornament found broadcast in our homes and on our persons, and the "trash" beat out of our much abused pianos, nearly approach the quality described by the disagreeable term "vulgar." The daily contact with honest real art must be less demoralizing to the taste than the continual influence of pretentious, affected and false disfigurement—it cannot be called ornament.

The question therefore, is neither insignificant nor one which concerns only the wealthy few, but all of us, however little inclined toward the arts; for we are all compelled to ornament our dwellings, our belongings and our persons.

The tabular form below may indicate what topics we desire to study as soon as practicable, not what we are as yet prepared to undertake, for it has been decided that rather than attempt to do too much the first year, we should strive to do a few things well, and in good time introduce the other departments.

## GENERAL PLAN OF THE COURSE IN DRAWING.

APPEARANCE.	{	Plant form.
		Models and objects.
		Perspective elements.
		Pose.
		Composition.
		Outdoor sketching.
	{	Copies.
STRUCTURE.	{	Form.
		Geometrical drawing.
		Working drawings.

ORNAMENT.	Design.	{ constructive.
		{ decorative.
		{ standards.
		{ hues.
	Color.	{ tones.
		{ harmonies.
		{ schemes.
		{ illusions.

## ARTISTS AND THEIR WORK.

## HISTORY OF ART.

The study of color in all grades has so far been omitted. It will be taken up as soon as possible for the purpose of accomplishing a fine discrimination in hues, tints and shades, and a conception and application of some of the principles of harmony.

The tendencies of the classes is so strongly toward a mechanical habit and style, that it has been thought best to omit that branch entirely for a year. Picture study will probably be taken up late in the year.

Our needs in beginning the work are many. Some of them are as follows :

We need the active interest not only of the pupils and teachers but of the whole community. We need books on art topics in our public and school libraries. We need picture and cast reproductions of works of art. We need much illustrative material and gifts or loans of current or back numbers of the best illustrated magazines, textiles of good design and color, and beautiful and common objects to use as models.

Of course in beginning we start with very limited resources. As in the study of language and music, we need the constant influence of good examples, so in the study of art, we need much more than "supplies" of pencils, colors and paper. Any who feel disposed to aid us, even to the smallest extent in this respect, are requested

to communicate with the Superintendent of Schools or with the Supervisor of Drawing.

Without the co-operation and sympathy of the regular teachers, the special teacher can accomplish but little in his line, which is often a serious difficulty, and an added burden to the many already carried. I heartily and gratefully acknowledge the faithful, interested and enthusiastic spirit which prevails and has been exercised to a remarkable degree by some of the teachers of Billerica.

Very respectfully,

MARGARET E. HILL.

## APPENDIX B.

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### CALENDARS, STATISTICS, ETC.

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#### SCHOOL CALENDARS FOR 1899-1900.

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##### HOWE SCHOOL.

Spring term opens April 3, closes June 16 ; 11 weeks.

Examination for admission, Friday, June 9, at 8.30 o'clock.

Fall term opens September 5, closes December 22 ; 16 weeks.

Recess from Wednesday before Thanksgiving to following Monday.

Winter term opens January 2, 1900, closes March 30 ; 13 weeks.

##### LOWER SCHOOLS.

Spring term opens March 6, closes June 16 ; 15 weeks.

Fall term opens September 11, closes December 22 ; 15 weeks.

Recess from Wednesday before Thanksgiving to following Monday.

Winter term opens January 2, 1900, closes February 23 ; 8 weeks.

Spring term opens March 5, closes June 15 ; 15 weeks.

## STATISTICS.

Number of children enumerated in town, May 1, 1898, between 5 and 15 years of age.....	468
Number between the same ages enumerated, May 1, 1897...	490
Decrease.....	22
Number of children enumerated in town, May 1, 1898, between 8 and 14 years of age.....	253
Number between these ages enumerated in town, May 1, 1897	300
Decrease.....	47
Number of pupils enrolled in all the schools.....	590
Number enrolled last year.....	539
Increase .....	51
Number enrolled between 8 and 14 years of age.....	
Number enrolled under 5 years of age .....	
Number enrolled over 15 years of age .....	
Average membership.....	487
Average membership last year.....	446
Increase .....	41
Average daily attendance .....	448
Average attendance last year .....	415
Increase .....	33
Per cent. of attendance based on average attendance.....	92.11
Number of regular teachers employed in all the schools.....	18
Number of special teachers .....	2
Number of buildings occupied.....	9
Number of school rooms occupied.....	18



# ATTENDANCE AND STATISTICS.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Enrollment.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per Cent. of Attendance.	Cases of Tardiness.	Dismissals.	Teachers' Salaries Per Month.	Length of School in Weeks.
Mixed.	{ Crosby .....	19	14.03	12.92	92.30	11	2	\$32	38
	{ Hill .....	21	16.10	14.74	91.55	86	39	40 & 32	38
	{ Richardson .....	45	24.42	21.97	89.96	71	72	40	38
	{ Spaulding .....	35	23.32	20.93	89.75	23	9	40	38
Pollard.	{ Grammar .....	40	32.64	30.83	94.45	253	236	50	38
	{ Sub-Grammar .....	..	24.79	22.87	92.29	108	46	36 & 40	23
	{ Intermediate .....	50	43.90	40.35	90.20	213	33	44	38
	{ Primary .....	41	30.60	27.93	91.20	125	4	40	38
Talbot.	{ Grammar .....	45	30.55	27.87	91.23	34	73	60	38
	{ Sub-Grammar .....	53	44.83	41.79	92.16	39	208	44	38
	{ 1st Primary .....	41	36.76	34.17	93.03	39	35	40	38
	{ 2nd Primary .....	34	33.51	28.63	93.56	47	31	40	38
U. H.	{ Intermediate, .....	45	34.68	32.28	95.91	151	32	44	38
	{ Primary .....	25	22.81	21.33	93.73	136	12	40	38
Howe.	{ High .....	52	46.72	45.00	96.10	82	46	.....	39
	{ Kindergarten . . .	36	27.16	23.74	87.41	....	..	.....	38
Total 1899.	.....	590	487	448	92.11	1418	878	.....	....
Total 1898.	.....	539	446	415	93.12	....	..	.....	....
Increase		51	41	33	*1.01				
*Decrease.									

# ROLL OF HONOR.

PUPILS NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.

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*For Two Years.*

Holden, Gladys M.

King, Cora.

*For One Year.*

Bull, Everett.

Holt, Albert.

Bowman, John R.

Kennelly, Molly M.

Brown, J. Arthur.

\*Mahoney, Harry.

Carney, Isabella.

Ritchie, John J.

Condon, James.

Shuman, Joseph J.

Colson, George.

Sutcliffe, Bertha M.

*For Two Terms.*

Bailey, John.

Hayes, John F.

Barrington, John.

Hayes, T. Joseph

\*Bruce, Alfred K.

Higgins, M. Evelyn.

Bull, Albert S.

\*Higgins, Mary.

Babcock, Dora E.

Higgins, Alice.

Carney, Joseph,

Hoar, William.

\*Condon, Daniel.

Kennelly, John M.

Campbell, Maud.

\*Leighton, Benjamin F.

\*Devine, Mary A.

Mills, E. Alice.

\*Doyle, Willie D.

\*Manning, M. Cecile.

\*Faulds, Thomas R.

Messer, Leslie T.

Hayes, M. Charles.

Perry, Louis.

\*Schult, Helen C .  
 Scanlon, Thomas A.  
 Sheldon, Charles.

\*Schult, Gustavus.  
 \*Stearns, Charles.  
 Walker, Eliza J.  
 \*White, James.

*For One Term.*

Allan, Agnes.  
 Allan, Jessie.  
 Barrington, Fred H.  
 Barrington, James L.  
 Blake, Elishia A.  
 Baker, Edna F.  
 Blodgett, Marion F.  
 Bohannon, Harlie G.  
 Brown, Frederick G.  
 Buckley, Ethel.  
 Bull, Wilbur I.  
 Carney, George W.  
 Campbell, George.  
 Carr, Cyrus P.  
 Chambers, Isabella.  
 Condon, Christina.  
 Condon, John.  
 Colson, James.  
 Crosby, Ada P.  
 \*Crosby, Flora B.  
 Dawson, Fred R.  
 Dewhurst, Tirzah.  
 \*Doyle, Edwin J.  
 Dyson, Ninnie S.  
 Eaton, H. Rae.  
 Fallon, Edward.  
 Foulds, Archie B.

\*Fitch, Gertrude M.  
 Foster, Herbert L.  
 Hamilton, J. Robert.  
 Higgins, James.  
 Higgins, John.  
 \*Hayes, Bartholomew T.  
 Higson, Charles.  
 Hennessey, Willis.  
 Hayes, Bartholomew J.  
 Hayes, Mary E.  
 Hannon, George.  
 Hughes, George V.  
 Jaquith, Ethel T.  
 Kerr, Lizzie M.  
 Kennelly, Martha L.  
 Kitchen, Chester B.  
 \*King, Roy.  
 \*Knowles, Frankland W.  
 Lane, John.  
 Lyons, Philip D.  
 Lyons, Alfred F.  
 Lund, H. Gardner.  
 Manning, J. Brandon.  
 McDermott, J. Frances.  
 Mills, Frank F.  
 \*Martin, Clarence.  
 McElman, Thurza M.

Maloney, Annie.	Schult, Ellen E.
Mason, Edith.	Thayer, Elwyn.
O'Connor, J. Agnes.	Twomey, Thomas.
O'Keefe, Albert.	Turner, Ida
*Pasho, Frederick E.	Turner, Charles B.
*Pasho, George H.	Turner, Harry W.
Reilley, Ella M.	Waite, Harry F.
Radcliffe, Lileon A.	*Waite, Myron P.
Rogers, Fannie.	*White, Katherine.
Richardson, Albert.	*Wild, Harriet V.
Staples, Paul R.	Wilder, Harry F.
Sutcliffe, John R.	Walker, Chris A.
Stanton, John H.	Waine, Geo. E.
Stevenson, Elma H.	Young, Florence.

List for two years.....	2
List for one year.....	12
List for two terms.....	31
List for one term.....	82
Total names on roll of honor.....	127

## List of Books Purchased for School Libraries.

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American History Told by Contemporaries...Albert Bushnell Hart  
2 vols. Vol. I. Era of Colonization, 1492-1689.

Vol. II. Building of the Republic, 1689-1783.

Anatomy of Pattern, The.....Lewis H. Day

Architecture, Classical and Early Christian.....T. Roger Smith

Architecture, Gothic and Renaissance.....

Astronomy with an Opera Glass.....Garrett P. Serviss

At War with Pontiac .....Kirk Monroe

Birdcraft.....Mabel Osgood Wright

Boy of the First Empire, A.....Elbridge S. Brooks

Boyhood in Norway .....Hjalmar Hjoit Boyesen

Brave Little Holland and What She Taught Us.....

William Elliot Griffis

Cadet Days, a Story of West Point..Captain Charles King, U.S.A.

Camps in the Rockies.....Wm. A. Barllie-Grahman

Cannon and Camera.....J. C. Hemment

Child's Garden of Verses, A.....Eugene Field

Children's Stories in American Literature.....

Henrietta Christian Wright

Children's Stories of American Progress.Henrietta Christian Wright

Cruising Among the Caribbees.....Charles Augustus Stoddard

Cuban and Porto Rican Campaigns, The...Richard Harding Davis

Customs and Fashions of Old New England....Alice Morse Earle

Coal and the Coal Mines.....Homer Green

Decator and Somers.....M. Elliot Servill

Deer Slayer, The.....J. Fenimore Cooper

Down the Snow Stairs.....Alice Carkean

Fanciful Tales ..... Frank R. Stockton  
 Fifteen Decisive Battles of The World, The..... E. S. Creasy  
 Froebel and Education Through Self-Activity.. H. Courthope Bowen  
 Garden Behind the Moon, The..... Howard Pyle  
 Handbook of Arctic Discoveries..... A. W. Greeley  
 Handbook of Ornament..... Franz Sales Meyer  
 Hero Tales From American History.....

Theodore Roosevelt and Henry Cabot Lodge

History of Art..... William Henry Goodyear  
 History of Painting ..... John C. Van Dyke  
 History of Sculpture.....

Allan Marquand and Arthur L. Frothingham, Jr

Homes Without Hands..... J. G. Wood  
 Hoosier School Boy, The..... Edward Eggleston  
 How to Know the Wild Flowers..... Mrs. William Starr Dana  
 Hunting.....

In the Navy, or Father Against Son..... Warren Lee Goss  
 Jack Alden, A Story of Adventure in the Virginia Campaign.

'61-'65..... Warren Lee Goss

Jack Hall, or the School Days of an American Boy... Robert Grant  
 Japan in Our Day..... Bayard Taylor  
 Jed, A Boy's Adventures in the Army of '61-'65.. Warren Lee Goss  
 Knight of Liberty, The..... Hezekiah Butterworth  
 Lake Regions of Central Africa, The. .... Bayard Taylor  
 Last of the Mohicans..... J. Fenimore Cooper  
 Lessons in Decorative Design. .... Frank J. Jackson  
 Love-Songs of Childhood..... Eugene Field  
 Making of New England, The..... Samuel Adams Drake  
 Making of the Great West, The..... Samuel Adams Drake  
 Making of Virginia and the Middle Colonies, The.....

Samuel Adams Drake

Manual of Decorative Compositions, A..... Henri Mayeux  
 Mountain Climbing.....  
 Myths of Greece and Rome..... H. A. Guerber



Nature and Man in America. ....	N. S. Shaler
Nature in Ornament.....	Lewis F. Day
New England Girlhood, A.....	Lucy Larcom
New England Legends and Folk Lore.....	Samuel Adams Drake
One Thousand Miles Up the Nile.....	Amelia B. Edwards
Paul Jones.....	M. Elliot Servill
Physiology of the Senses, The.....	

John Gray McKendrick and William Snodgrass

Painters, Sculptors, Architects, Engravers and their Works..

Clara Erskine Clement

Piccino and Other Child Stories.....	Frances Hodgson Burnett
Poems of American Patriotism.....	J. Brander Mathews
Poetical Works of.....	James Russell Lowell
Poetical Works of.....	Henry W. Longfellow
Poetical Works of.....	Oliver Wendell Holmes
Poetical Works of.....	William Cullen Bryant
Poetical Works of.....	Alfred Tennyson
Poetical Works of .....	John G. Whittier
Realm of Nature, The .....	Hugh Robert Mill
Rhymes and Jingles .....	Mary Mapes Dodge
Siam, The Land of the White Elephant.....	George B. Bacon
Story of a Bad Boy, The.....	Thomas Bailey Aldrich
Story of the American Sailor, The.....	Elbridge S. Brooks
Story of the American Indian, The.....	Elbridge S. Brooks
Story of the American Soldier, The.....	Elbridge S. Brooks
Stories for Boys.....	Richard Harding Davis
Theory and Practice of Design.....	Frank G. Jackson
Ting-a-Ling.....	Frank R. Stockton
Tom Brown at Rugby.....	Thomas Hughes
Travels in Arabia.....	Bayard Taylor
Travels in Central Asia.....	Bayard Taylor
Tent Life in Siberia.....	George Kennon
Tom Clifton, or Western Boys in Grant and Sherman's Army, '61-65.....	

Travels in South Africa.....	Bayard Taylor
Two Years Before the Mast.....	R. H. Dana, Jr
War of Independence, The.....	John Fish
Westward With Columbus .....	Gordon Stables
White Conquerors, The.....	Kirk Monroe
Whispering Wind, The.....	
With Wolfe in Canada.....	G. A. Henty
Yesterdays in the Philippines.....	Joseph Earl Stevens

# WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

To be Held Monday, March 27, 1899.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, }  
MIDDLESEX, SS. }

*To Everett W. Livingston, Constable of the Town of  
Billerica,* GREETING :

You are hereby authorized and required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Billerica qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Town, on Monday, March Twenty-Seventh, at 9.00 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following articles :

ART. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To determine the number of Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Auditors, Constables, Collector of Taxes.

ART. 3. The polls will be open in accordance with the by-laws of the town, for the election of the following Town Officers on one ballot for one year: Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Collector of Taxes, one or more Constables, one member of the Board of Health for three years; one member of the School Committee for three years; one

member of the Sinking Fund Commissioners for three years ; one member of the Water Commissioners for three years.

ART. 4. To see if the town will choose Highway Surveyors, and all other necessary town officers.

ART. 5. To choose a member of the Bowers' Fund Committee for a term of five years.

ART. 6. To see if the town will accept the revision of the jury box made by the Selectmen, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 7. To see what method the town will adopt for the collection of taxes for the ensuing year.

ART. 8. To hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen and all other town officers and committees heretofore appointed.

ART. 9. To vote on the following questions, viz: Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Town of Billerica? Yes, or No.

ART. 10. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to defray the town expenses for the ensuing year, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$150.00 for painting and repairing town farm buildings, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the use of the veterans on Memorial Day.

ART. 13. To see what method the town will adopt for the repair of the roads and bridges the ensuing year.

ART. 14. To see if the town will authorize and direct the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow tempo-

rarily in anticipation of taxes of the present municipal year, and give the negotiable note or notes of the town for money so borrowed, and that all such temporary loans shall be paid from the said taxes.

ART. 15. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to sell and convey land on Billerica avenue or any other land belonging to the town farm, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 16. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred dollars to be divided between the V. I. A. of North Billerica and Billerica Centre to be expended by them for street lighting, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 17. To see if the town will authorize and direct the Town Treasurer to borrow the sum of nine thousand one hundred and sixty dollars payable in ten equal instalments of nine hundred and sixteen dollars each, with interest at a rate not exceeding five per cent. per annum payable semi-annually and give negotiable town notes therefor severally payable in one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine and ten years, and countersigned by the Board of Selectmen; the proceeds to be used in replacing or repaying in full whatever sums of money have been borrowed or used from the Bowers' Fund, so called, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 18. To see if the town will choose a committee to whom shall be referred with full powers to act thereon, the matter of selling the town farm and procuring a substitute therefor, said committee to report finally their doings not later than the annual town meeting in 1901, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 19. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer to pay to Herbert W. Sheldon one hundred and fifty dollars appropriated in 1896 for a flag pole at North Billerica.

ART. 20. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the

sum of four hundred dollars for the purpose of constructing a sidewalk from Faulkner Manufacturing Co. eastward to St. Andrews Church, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 21. To see if the town will adopt the provisions of Chapter 264 of the Acts of 1890, entitled "An act relating to Public Cemeteries," or act in relation to the same.

ART. 22. In the event that the town adopts the provisions of Chapter 264 of the Acts of 1890, to elect by ballot three Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds as therein provided, one for the term of three years, one for the term of two years, and one for one year.

ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars for the purpose of conveying the school children from the Shawsheen district to the Crosby School, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars to be expended at the discretion of the School Committee for conveying the children, above the sixth grade from the outside schools to the graded schools at the Centre or North, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 25. To see if the town will sell and convey to H. E. Dutton a small tract of land in the rear of where he now lives or do anything in relation thereto.

ART. 26. To see what action the town will take in regard to opening the old turnpike, so called, at Mr. Francis Bowman's from the Lexington road to the Bedford line.

ART. 27. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to expend a sum of money not exceeding three hundred and fifty dollars for the purchase of a street sprinkler, said sum to be taken from the appropriation for McAdam road.

ART. 28. To see if the town will appropriate one hundred



dollars, to be expended for school library books, or do anything in relation to the same.

And you are to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one copy at the Town Hall, one copy in each of the Post Offices of the Town, and one copy in each of the porches or vestibules of the several Churches in Town, at least eight days before said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant to the Town Clerk, with your doings thereon, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands, this sixteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

JOHN E. ROWELL,  
EDWARD B. HASKELL,  
JOSIAH WRIGHT,

*Selectmen of Billerica.*

A true copy. Attest :

EVERETT W. LIVINGSTON,

*Constable.*

# JURY LIST, 1899.

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W. H. Hutchins.....	Farmer
Henry Desmarzes.....	Farmer
Josiah Wright.....	Stone Mason
Charles A. Wright.....	Clerk
John E. Bull.....	Merchant
Leonard Blood.....	Farmer
Bernard Kearney.....	Farmer
George F. Colson.....	Farmer
Frederick A. Morey.....	Merchant
John E. Bottomley.....	Farmer
C. W. Flanders.....	Optician
Sidney A. Bull.....	Merchant
Henry Shuman.....	Farmer
Joseph S. Holt.....	Shoemaker
Daniel Callahan, Jr.....	Farmer
E. B. Haskell.....	Farmer
Edwin Manning.....	Farmer
W. W. Nason.....	Clergyman
George E. Simonds.....	Farmer
J. N. Pardee.....	Farmer
Edward Spaulding.....	Teamster
Dennis O'Keefe.....	Farmer
Clarence Bowman.....	Farmer
Fred H. Parker.....	Merchant
Albert Barrington.....	Spinner
H. D. Livingston.....	Teamster
Valentine Rollins.....	Farmer
B. G. Hutchins.....	Carpenter
Franklin Jaquith.....	Manufacturer
Joseph H. Call.....	Farmer
Martin Conway.....	Farmer
H. A. King.....	Clerk
J. E. Rowell.....	Farmer
John H. Foster.....	Insurance Agent
H. M. Hutchins.....	Retired
R. B. Holden.....	Farmer
Dick Folsom.....	Farmer
Albert H. Jones.....	Collector
Oscar Smith.....	Merchant
L. B. Gannon.....	Real Estate Broker

# Estimates of Appropriations by the Selectmen for 1899

	Estimate of appropriation for 1898.	Estimate of appropriation for 1899.
Schools.....	\$8,500 00	\$9,000 00
Highways.....	3,750 00	3,500 00
McAdam Road.....	none	1,500 00
Bridges.....	200 00	250 00
Fire Department.....	1,000 00	1,500 00
Town Farm.....	1,000 00	1,000 00
Incidentals.....	1,200 00	1,300 00
Janitor and Police.....	1,500 00	1,500 00
Outside Relief.....	1,000 00	1,200 00
Debt Appropriation.....	3,500 00	2,500 00
Interest.....	1,700 00	1,700 00
Insurance.....	250 00	150 00
Sinking Fund and Bond Interest.....	2,000 00	2,000 00
State and County Tax.....	3,500 00	3,500 00
Soldiers' Relief.....	100 00	100 00
Registrars of Voters.....	100 00	100 00
Street Lighting.....	700 00	700 00
Selectmen.....	375 00	375 00
Assessors.....	250 00	250 00
Overseers of the Poor.....	200 00	200 00
School Committee.....	180 00	180 00
Town Clerk.....	150 00	150 00
Town Treasurer.....	250 00	250 00
Tax Collector.....	350 00	350 00
Election Officers.....	100 00	100 00
Cattle Inspector.....	200 00	500 00
Fish Warden.....	100 00	100 00
Cemeteries.....	250 00	200 00
Common.....	75 00	75 00
Board of Health.....	50 00	50 00
Auditors.....	45 00	45 00
Sidewalks.....	200 00	100 00
Hydrants.....		2,300 00
Town Water.....		50 00
Water deficit.....		1,000 00





